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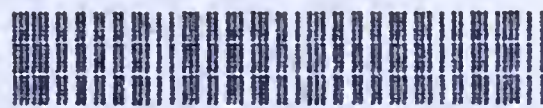
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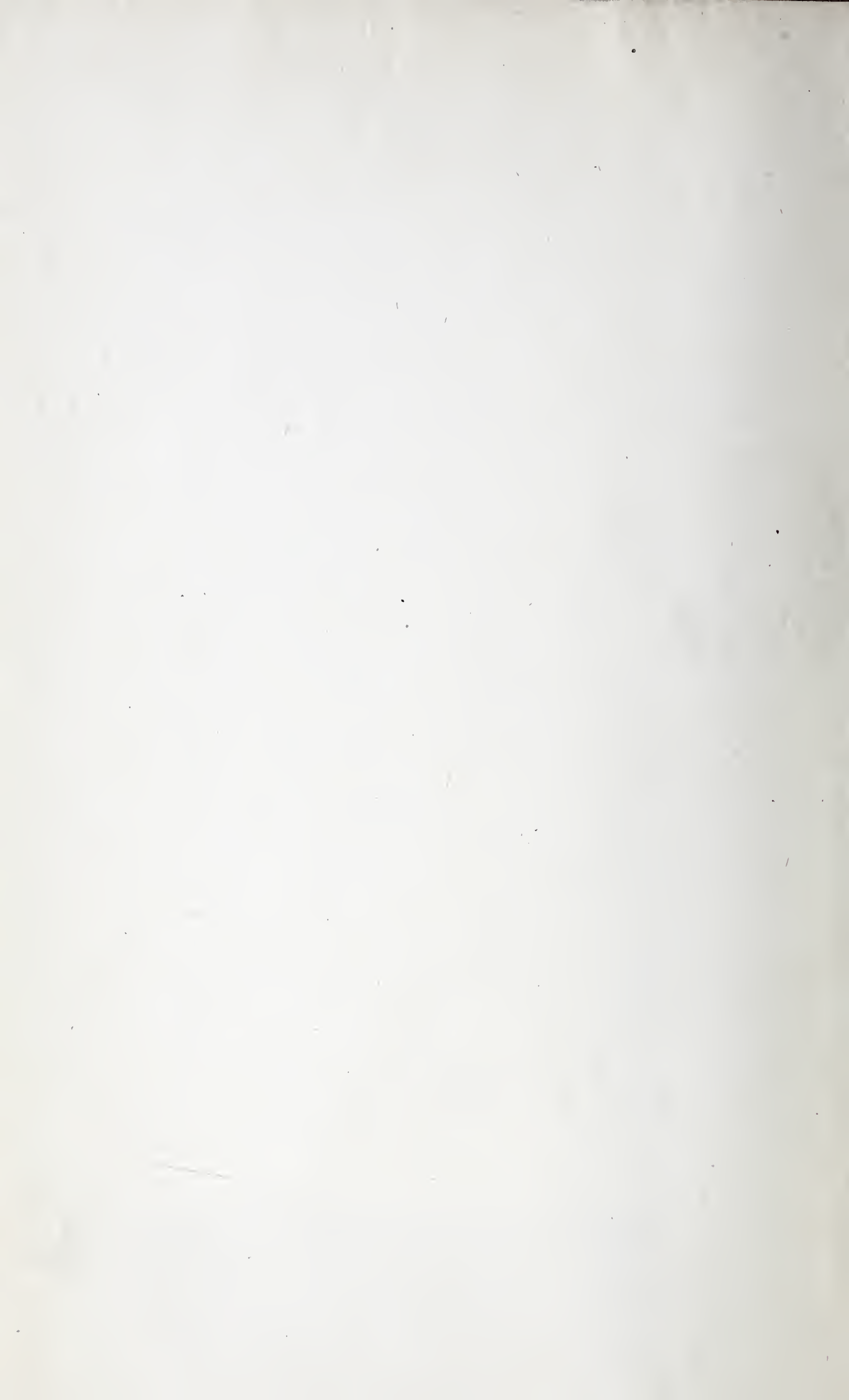


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THE CONSTITUTION

OF

THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF

PENNSYLVANIA

AND

MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING,

ALSO THE

ANCIENT CHARGES, CEREMONIES AND FORMS, REVISED AND
ADOPTED BY THE GRAND CHAPTER,

A. D. 1911, A. I. 2441

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THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING

At the Quarterly Communication held at Philadelphia, June 4th, 1908,
it was on motion, unanimously

RESOLVED:—That a Committee of five be appointed to act in conjunction with the elective Grand Officers, to revise and amend the Constitution and submit their report to the Grand Chapter for action.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest appointed the following committee: M. E. Companions Hibbert P. John, P. G. H. P.; Henry Oscar Kline, P. G. H. P.; J. Henry Williams, P. G. H. P.; John C. Wallace and William L. Gorgas.

The Committee reported that numerous meetings had been held, at which the entire subject matter was given full discussion and that the revision and amendments submitted were believed to be necessary to amplify the Constitutional law and correct its errors and supply its omissions.

The following action was taken by Grand Chapter on the dates named:
December 3, 1908.

Grand Chapter resolved that the Amendment then submitted relative to the appointment of Trustees be adopted.

December 2, 1909.

Grand Chapter Resolved that the Constitution reported by the Committee at the Quarterly Communication held September 2, 1909, be and the same is hereby adopted.

December 8, 1910.

The Consideration of proposed Amendments to the Constitution was then taken up and on motion further consideration was laid over until the Quarterly Communication in December, 1911.

December 7, 1911.

The proposed Amendments to the Constitution offered by the Committee appointed to amend and revise it, were considered and adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

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CARL A. SUNDSTROM, P. G. H. P.
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GEORGE B. WELLS, M. E. G. K.
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CHARLES CARY, M. E. G. S.
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HENRY OSCAR KLINE, P. G. H. P.
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JOHN C. WALLACE
WILLIAM L. GORGAS.

Committee on Revision of Constitution.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY OF


The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania

And Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.

December 7th, A. D. 1911, A. I. 2441

I certify that the following is a correct copy of the Constitution adopted by the Grand Chapter at the Quarterly Communication held December 7th, A. D. 1911, A. I. 2441.

Charles Cary.
Grand Secretary



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THE CONSTITUTION
OF
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter
OF PENNSYLVANIA

AND MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING.

ADOPTED DECEMBER 7. A.D. 1911, A.I. 2441

In Freemasonry what is not permitted is prohibited.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

SEC. 1. The official title of the Grand Chapter is:
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.

ARTICLE II.

POWER AND AUTHORITY OF THE GRAND CHAPTER

SEC. 1. The Grand Chapter is the only true and legitimate source of authority over Capitular Masonry within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging. It is supreme and sovereign. It makes the law for its constituents and the members of the Fraternity under its Jurisdiction, and is governed by no Law other than the Landmarks of Freemasonry. It grants Warrants for Royal Arch Chapters and duly constitutes them. Subordinate Chapters are constituted and work by virtue of these Warrants. The Grand Chapter has

the power to enact Laws and Regulations for the government of Capitular Masonry, and to alter and repeal such Laws and Regulations; but it cannot change, alter, or destroy the Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry. It has the inherent power to investigate and determine all matters relating to Capitular Masonry in general, to particular Chapters, and to individual Companions, either directly or by its delegated authority, and its authority cannot be called in question.

ARTICLE III.

CONSTITUENTS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER

SEC. 1. The Grand Chapter is composed of:

- I. The Grand Officers and Past Grand High Priests.
- II. The High Priests, Kings and Scribes of Subordinate Chapters.
- III. Past High Priests of one full year's service in this Jurisdiction, who have received the Order of High Priesthood and who are members of Chapters, lawfully warranted and duly constituted by the Grand Chapter, and under its Jurisdiction.
- IV. The members of the Grand Chapter at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, who are such by virtue of their being Past Masters by election, and holding membership in a Subordinate Chapter, according to the provisions of the Constitution in force prior to December 27, 1871, so long as they shall continue members of some Chapter within the Jurisdiction.*

* That is to say, all members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. and A. M., on December 27, 1871, who at that time were Royal Arch Masons and had held the office of Worshipful Master by election.

SEC. 2. Every member of the Grand Chapter must be a member of a Subordinate Chapter, except Past Grand High Priests, who are members of the Grand Chapter for life.

SEC. 3. Each Chapter shall, at the time at which its officers are chosen, elect as its Representative in the Grand Chapter, a Past High Priest who shall serve for the Masonic year for which he was elected. He shall be a permanent resident of the Jurisdiction and shall have had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon him. The certificate of his election shall be signed by the High Priest, and have the seal of the Chapter attached, attested by the Secretary; and a duplicate thereof shall be sent to the Grand Secretary at least six days before the Communication of the Grand Chapter at which it is proposed to use the same, unless said Representative shall have been elected within said six days, in which case the duplicate certificate of his election shall be sent to the Grand Secretary immediately.

SEC. 4. If, by the death of a Representative, his removal from the Jurisdiction, or his resignation, a vacancy occurs, a successor may be elected at any stated or special meeting; provided, that previous notice of such proposed election shall have been sent to all the members of the Chapter.

ARTICLE IV.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER

SEC. 1. The Grand Chapter shall hold Quarterly Communications on the Thursday following the first Wednesday, in March, June, September, and December, and an Annual Grand Communication on St. John the Evangelist's Day, in every year. It may also meet in Special or Extra Communications by

order of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

SEC. 2. The Communications of the Grand Chapter shall begin at seven o'clock in the evening, except the Quarterly Communication in December, which shall begin at two o'clock in the afternoon.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

SEC. 1. The Officers of the Grand Chapter consist of Grand Officers and such as are appointed by the Grand High Priest, all of whom, excepting Grand Chaplains, must be Past High Priests of at least one full year's service, who have received the Order of High Priesthood.

SEC. 2. The Grand Officers are: Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary.

SEC. 3. The official titles of the Grand Officers are: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Grand King, Most Excellent Grand Scribe, Most Excellent Grand Treasurer, Most Excellent Grand Secretary. Past Grand High Priests are entitled Most Excellent.

SEC. 4. The Officers appointed by the Grand High Priest are: District Deputy Grand High Priests, Grand Chaplains, Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Grand Master of the Third Vail, Grand Master of the Second Vail, Grand Master of the First Vail, Grand Marshal, Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies, Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Tyler.

SEC. 5. The Grand Officers shall be installed in their respective stations, if practicable, on St. John the Evangelist's Day next succeeding their election.

When that day falls on Sunday, the installation shall take place on the following day. The other officers shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest after his installation.

SEC. 6. On the death, disability, or removal from the Jurisdiction, of a Grand Officer, or his ceasing to be a member of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Officer next in station shall succeed to the vacant station, except in the cases of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary; and if a vacancy occurs in either of these offices, the Grand High Priest shall appoint a successor to serve during the absence or disability of such Officer, or until the next annual election.

SEC. 7. The Grand High Priest shall be installed by the next preceding Past Grand High Priest who may be present, assisted by a sufficient number of Past High Priests, who have had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon them. When installed, he shall be proclaimed and saluted in due form as *Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.*

SEC. 8. In the absence of the Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, the junior Past Grand High Priest present shall preside; and in the absence of said elective officers, and all the Past Grand High Priests, the High Priest of the senior Chapter present shall take the chair as Acting Grand High Priest.

ARTICLE VI.

ELECTION OF THE GRAND OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The Grand Officers shall be chosen annually by ballot, at the Quarterly Communication, next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day. A

majority of the whole number of votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. If, on the first ballot, no choice is made, a second ballot shall be had. If, on the second ballot, there is no election, a third ballot shall be had, which shall be confined to the two highest of those voted for, or, when such instances occur, to the one who has a plurality, and the other two or more next highest on the return, who shall have an equal number of votes. If, on the third ballot, no choice is made, the balloting shall be continued, under the regulations governing the third ballot, until one of the Companions voted for shall receive a majority of all the votes cast.

SEC. 2. The Grand Officers shall continue in office until their successors, respectively, have been duly elected and installed.

ARTICLE VII.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

SEC. 1. To the Grand High Priest belongs the general supervision and government of Capitular Masonry, consisting of the Royal Arch, Most Excellent Master and Mark Master Masons' degrees, and for these purposes he is empowered:

To appoint District Deputy Grand High Priests; the Subordinate Officers of the Grand Chapter; all Standing Committees, and all Special Committees whose appointment is not otherwise provided for;

To preside in the Grand Chapter, and in all Subordinate Chapters, attended or unattended by his Grand Officers;

To appoint and commission any Companion to represent him near any other Grand Chapter;

To have and use a private seal to attest his acts;
 To issue edicts, regulating the action of Chapters;
 or for the government of the same, their officers, and
 members;

To confer, or cause to be conferred in his presence,
 in any Chapter, the degrees of Capitular Masonry;

To grant, or authorize to be granted, Dispensa-
 tions for conferring the degrees of Capitular Masonry;

To issue such Dispensations under his own seal,
 attested by the Grand Secretary, as are permitted by
 this Constitution, or the ancient usages of the
 Royal Craft;

To constitute Royal Arch Chapters in person, or
 by deputy duly authorized, and install the officers
 thereof;

To command at any time the presence of the
 Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, or any
 Officer or Committee of the Grand Chapter, with his
 or their books, papers and accounts;

To summon any of the Officers of a Chapter, to
 attend him and produce its Warrant, books, docu-
 ments and accounts;

To sequestrate the Warrant and suspend the
 labors of any Chapter, or to suspend from office any
 officer of a Chapter, subject to the decision of the
 Grand Chapter at its next Quarterly Communica-
 tion, to which he shall report his action, with the
 reasons therefor, and a detailed statement of the facts.

SEC. 2. He is supreme in all matters concerning
 Capitular Masonry, except when the Grand Chapter
 limits his power by its Constitution.

SEC. 3. He shall be, *ex officio*, Chairman of any
 Committee whose meetings he may attend.

SEC. 4. He shall have a casting vote, in addition
 to his own, on all questions before the Grand Chapter

when the votes of the members are equally divided, except in the election of Grand Officers.

SEC. 5. It shall be his duty to visit the Chapters within the Jurisdiction, as often as may be practicable, and call special Communications of the Grand Chapter, at such places as he may deem necessary, to instruct the Craft, requiring the officers and members of the neighboring Chapters to be present thereat.

GRAND KING AND GRAND SCRIBE.

SEC. 6. The Grand King and Grand Scribe have their respective stations in the Grand Chapter. It is their duty to aid the Grand High Priest in conducting the business of the Grand Chapter and in the supervision of Capitular Masonry

GRAND TREASURER.

SEC. 7. To the Grand Treasurer shall be committed the custody of the uninvested funds of the Grand Chapter, and he shall not pay out the same, except by authority of the Grand Chapter on orders signed by the Grand High Priest, attested by the Grand Secretary. He shall keep fair and regular accounts of his receipts and disbursements, to be submitted to the Committee on Finance whenever required, and shall, within five days after the twentieth day of November in each year, submit to said committee his books, accounts and vouchers for its examination.

Before entering upon his duties he shall give a bond to the Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe for the time being, in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

GRAND SECRETARY

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary:

To record the minutes of such of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter as are proper to be committed to writing;

To preserve its archives and seal;

To collect and receive all moneys for or on account of the Grand Chapter, give proper credits therefor, and pay the same to the Grand Treasurer forthwith;

To issue summonses, orders and notices, by direction of the Grand Chapter or the Grand High Priest, attaching to them the seal of the Grand Chapter, and attesting the same;

To issue notices to each Chapter of all Stated Communications of the Grand Chapter;

To transmit annually, as soon as practicable after St. John the Evangelist's Day, to each Chapter within the Jurisdiction, and to all Grand Chapters and Masonic bodies in correspondence with the Grand Chapter, copies of the printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter, sending at least four copies to each Chapter, and at least one copy to each Grand Chapter or Masonic body as aforesaid;

To receive all petitions and memorials intended for the Grand Chapter, and lay them forthwith before the Grand High Priest;

To keep in suitable books, registries of all Warrants, Dispensations, and Certificates granted by the Grand Chapter or the Grand Officers, and of the returns of the Chapters, and an alphabetical list of the suspensions, expulsions, and rejections therein, and such as may be communicated by other Grand Chapters;

To attach the seal of the Grand Chapter to all Warrants for new Chapters, and to all Certificates or

other documents authorized by the Grand Chapter, and attest the same;

To conduct, under the direction of the Grand High Priest, the correspondence of the Grand Chapter, preserving copies of the same;

To report quarterly, to the Grand Chapter, all Chapters suspended or otherwise deprived of their right of representation therein, and to report annually, in a condensed form, at the Quarterly Communication in September, the number of members belonging to each Chapter, the admissions, degrees conferred, resignations, suspensions, expulsions and deaths during the preceding Masonic year.

SEC. 9. He shall transmit to every Chapter in arrears, at least once a year, a statement of its account, and, in conjunction with the Committee on Finance, adopt such measures as may be proper to collect the same.

SEC. 10. He shall keep the accounts of the Grand Chapter in such manner that the state of them may at any time be known, and shall submit the same to the inspection of the Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest, or the Committee on Finance whenever required.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

SEC. 11. The Masonic Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter shall, from time to time, be divided by the Grand High Priest into districts, for each of which a District Deputy Grand High Priest shall be appointed.

SEC. 12. It shall be the duty of each District Deputy Grand High Priest to visit the Chapters in his district, at least once in each year, inspect their labors, instruct in the work, and inquire into their condition and proceedings.

He may congregate the officers and members of such Chapters at their respective places of meeting, at such times as he may think proper, and give them advice and instruction in Capitular Masonry.

He shall report at or before the Quarterly Communication in December to the Grand High Priest, the state of the Chapters in his district, and all that he may have officially done therein.

He shall attend the Quarterly Communications of the Grand Chapter at least twice in each year. He shall be furnished with a collar, apron, and appropriate jewel, which shall be delivered by him to his successor in office. All appeals to the Grand Chapter arising in his district shall be made through him.

SEC. 13. The actual expenses of the District Deputy Grand High Priests shall be paid by the Grand Chapter.

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

SEC. 14. There shall be as many Grand Chaplains as the Grand High Priest may deem necessary. It shall be their duty to attend the Grand Chapter at its Annual Grand, Quarterly and other Communications, there to offer up to the Great Architect of the Universe, the prayers of the Companions, invoke His blessing upon their labors, and assist in the necessary rites and ceremonies on Masonic occasions.

OTHER APPOINTED OFFICERS.

SEC. 15. The Grand Captain of the Host,
The Grand Principal Sojourner,
The Grand Royal Arch Captain,
The Grand Master of the Third Vail,
The Grand Master of the Second Vail,
The Grand Master of the First Vail,
The Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies,
The Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.

They shall attend the Communications of the Grand Chapter, take their respective places therein, and perform the duties thereof required by the regulations and traditions of the Fraternity.

SEC. 16. The Grand Marshal shall, by direction of the Grand High Priest, proclaim the Grand Officers, form all processions of the Grand Chapter, and see that the proper ceremonies are duly observed on all occasions.

SEC. 17. The Grand Pursuivant shall receive the reports of the Grand Tyler, announce the names and Masonic titles of all Companions who desire admission to Communications of the Grand Chapter, see that none are admitted without their proper Masonic clothing and jewels, and enforce the orders of the Grand High Priest.

SEC. 18. The Grand Tyler shall guard the outer door, report to the Grand Pursuivant the names and Masonic titles of all Companions who desire admission, see that none enter without their proper Masonic clothing and jewels, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Grand Chapter or Grand High Priest.

He shall have charge of and be responsible for the safe-keeping of the furniture, clothing, and jewels of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE VIII.

TRUSTEES AND STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

SEC. 1. Three Trustees and the following Committees shall be appointed annually by the Grand High Priest after his installation, viz.:

1. Committee on Jurisprudence.
2. Committee on Appeals.

3. Committee on Finance.
4. Committee on By-Laws.
5. Committee on Correspondence.
6. Committee on Charity.
7. Committee on Printing and Publishing.

TRUSTEES.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to invest such funds as may be placed in their hands from time to time by the Grand Chapter for that purpose, in their names, as "Trustees of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania"; and to alter and change the character of such investments from time to time, provided that every investment in Mortgage or Ground Rent shall be accompanied by a policy of fire insurance covering the period for which the investment is made, and also by a policy of title insurance.

They shall have charge of all securities and investments of the Grand Chapter, collect the income, interest and dividends thereof, and pay the same over to the Grand Secretary immediately after the same shall have been collected, taking his receipt therefor.

They shall make a full report to the Grand Chapter annually at the Quarterly Communication in December, of all their transactions, with a list of all securities held by the Grand Chapter and a statement of the condition of the investments.

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

SEC. 3. The Committee on Jurisprudence shall consist of the Grand High Priest, and the Past Grand High Priests, to which shall be referred all questions touching the Ancient Landmarks, Customs and Usages of Capitular Masonry and the Constitution

of the Grand Chapter, and shall report thereon to the Grand Chapter.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

SEC. 4. The Committee on Appeals shall consist of five members.

SEC. 5. When an appeal is made to the Grand Chapter by an accused, or by a member of a Chapter which has finally acted on the case of such Companion, against the action of the Chapter, it shall be referred to the Committee on Appeals; provided, that notice thereof has been given by serving a copy on said Chapter at least three days before the meeting of the Grand Chapter at which the appeal will be presented, and provided, that such appeal shall be made within one year after the action complained of was taken.

SEC. 6. The committee shall cause notice to be given to the Chapter, the Companion accused, and the complainant who made the charges before the Chapter, or to any Companion complaining of the action of the Chapter, of the time and place when and where the committee will consider the same, and a copy of such notice shall be kept by the Secretary of the Committee.

SEC. 7. The committee, at the hearing of the appeal, shall confine itself to the record as presented, unless it is deemed necessary to a better understanding of the appeal, that witnesses should be examined, then notice shall be given to all the parties of the time and place, when and where the witnesses will be heard.

SEC. 8. The form of the appeal in all cases shall be as follows:

I. Copy of the original charge, or charges, and specifications;

II. Copy of the minutes showing the action of the Chapter thereon;

III. Copy of the minutes showing the proceedings of the Chapter, as to the trial of the said charge or charges, and the appointment of the committee;

IV. Copy of all the summonses and of all notices sent to or served on the parties;

V. Copy of the notices to witnesses, with the names of witnesses;

VI. Copy of the minutes of the proceedings of the committee appointed to try the charge or charges; the testimony of the witnesses; and the report of the committee, with the resolution attached thereto;

VII. Copy of the minutes showing the action of the Chapter on the resolution of the committee;

VIII. The appeal, stating specifically the grounds on which it is made;

IX. The certificate of the Secretary of the Chapter, under its seal, that the said copies appear to be true and correct.

SEC. 9. The copies required by Section 8 shall be prepared by the Secretary of the Chapter, by direction of the High Priest, on application of the appellant; and a neglect or refusal to furnish the same within a reasonable time shall be sufficient cause for a reversal of the proceedings of such Chapter. For the extra service of the Secretary in preparing said exhibits, the Chapter may make him such allowance as it shall deem proper.

SEC. 10. If questions of Masonic Jurisprudence only are involved in the appeal, the appeal and the papers which are to be made part of the exhibit shall be sufficient; otherwise additional testimony, papers, or minutes may be required.

SEC. 11. If the appeal is found to be a case which needs additional testimony, the committee may make such an order therefor as in its judgment will subserve the ends of Masonic Law, right and justice. It is, however, deemed better to omit taking testimony, if the committee can arrive at a clear understanding of the facts from the record and the undisputed statements of the parties.

SEC. 12. The appellant, the Chapter, the complainant, and such other parties as the case shall require, may be represented before the committee by any Royal Arch Mason, to be chosen by them.

SEC. 13. The report of the committee shall be presented to the Grand Chapter, at the next Quarterly Communication after it has been prepared.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

SEC. 14. The Committee on Finance shall consist of five members, whose duty shall be to report annually, at the Quarterly Communication in December, an estimate of the probable receipts and disbursements for the ensuing year, the debts due to and by the Grand Chapter, and such other matters as may be necessary to a correct view of its finances.

SEC. 15. It shall recommend from time to time such measures as it may deem expedient, for the collection of the dues, economy of the funds, and increase of the revenues of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 16. It shall at all times have access to the books and papers of the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, and other Officers and Committees intrusted with moneys of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 17. The fiscal year of the Grand Chapter shall end with the 20th day of November, and the Officers and Committees of the Grand Chapter shall

have their books and accounts made up, posted, balanced, and ready for examination by the committee, within five days thereafter. The committee shall audit the same and make report thereon to the Grand Chapter.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

SEC. 18. The Committee on By-Laws shall consist of five members, to which shall be referred all by-laws of Chapters submitted for the approval of the Grand Chapter. It shall carefully examine and revise such by-laws, expunge therefrom all provisions which contravene the established Usages and Customs of Freemasonry, or the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Chapter, and supply such deficiencies as may be necessary, and report thereon to the Grand Chapter.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

SEC. 19. The Committee on Correspondence shall consist of five members, to which shall be referred all printed proceedings addressed to the Grand Chapter, from other Grand Chapters and Masonic bodies, and such other subjects requiring special consideration as the Grand Chapter may deem proper to submit to it. It shall review such proceedings and select therefrom such matter as it may deem desirable for publication. It shall report to the Grand Chapter at the Annual Grand Communication.

COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

SEC. 20. The Committee on Charity shall consist of five members, which shall dispense charity, under such regulations as may from time to time be adopted by the Grand Chapter, and shall report its proceedings to the Grand Chapter.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND PUBLISHING.

SEC. 21. The Committee on Printing and Publishing shall consist of five members, which shall have the ordering and control of all printing for or on account of the Grand Chapter, and shall report its proceedings to the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE IX.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE GRAND CHAPTER.

SEC. 1. When the Grand High Priest opens the Grand Chapter, it is in *ample* form; when it is opened by the Grand King or the Grand Scribe it is in *due* form; when opened by a Past Grand High Priest, or other Companion, it is in *form* only.

SEC. 2. Three Chapters must be represented before the Grand Chapter can be opened.

SEC. 3. In the absence of the Grand High Priest, whoever wears his jewel and occupies his station, is to be addressed and regarded for the time as Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

SEC. 4. The following shall be the order of business at all Stated Communications:

- I. Reading the minutes of the last Stated Communication and of any Extra or Special Communication, which may have been held.
- II. Communications from Subordinate Chapters.
- III. Reports of Standing Committees.
 1. Trustees.
 2. Committee on Jurisprudence.
 3. Committee on Appeals.
 4. Committee on Finance.

5. Committee on By-Laws.
6. Committee on Correspondence.
7. Committee on Charity.
8. Committee on Printing and Publishing.

IV. Reports of Special Committees.

V. Returns of Chapters.

VI. Unfinished Business.

VII. New Business.

VIII. Communications from Companions and others.

SEC. 5. The Grand High Priest may dispense with this order of business, or arrange it as he deems for the best interests of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 6. In all cases, papers or communications shall be referred to Standing Committees, unless otherwise directed. All reports of Standing Committees shall be considered approved as read, unless otherwise ordered.

SEC. 7. Any Special Committee charged with the disbursement of money of the Grand Chapter, shall be considered as existing until its accounts have been examined by the Committee on Finance, and all the debts contracted by it are shown to have been paid, when, on motion, the Committee may be discharged.

SEC. 8. Each Companion, as he rises to speak, shall address the Grand High Priest. He shall not be interrupted or called to order, except by or through the Grand High Priest. When so called to order, he must resume his seat, but, being informed of his default, he may again proceed in his address to the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 9. No Companion shall speak more than

twice upon any subject under consideration, except by special permission of the Grand High Priest.

SEC. 10. In debate, a Companion shall not address another Companion by name, but by the Chapter to which he belongs, if the identification of a former speaker or his remarks require it.

SEC. 11. If a Companion is twice called to order at the same Communication and again offends, the Grand High Priest may direct him to leave the Chapter Hall, and see that this direction is complied with before continuing the business of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 12. When any resolution or motion shall be offered, or made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Grand High Priest. Pending its consideration, a motion may be made to amend, stating in what particular it is proposed to amend it; and an amendment to the amendment may be moved, but until the disposal of such amendment, no further amendment shall be in order. After a vote upon any amendment shall have been taken, it shall not be in order to introduce the same subject under color of a new amendment, or as an amendment to a pending amendment. After a vote has been taken upon all the amendments that may have been considered, the vote shall be taken upon the resolution, or motion as it may then be, including the amendments that have been adopted. Pending the consideration of such resolution or motion, no motion shall be in order except to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, or to commit, all of which shall be determined without debate. A motion to amend, to postpone, or to commit, may be laid upon the table without removing the pending resolution or motion from before the Grand Chapter. No other dilatory or evasive motion shall be permitted.

SEC. 13. What is known as "Parliamentary Law," or conventional systems for regulating the proceedings of deliberative assemblages, do not apply to the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 14. The "previous question," by which a vote would be forced upon the Grand Chapter, shall not be permitted.

SEC. 15. There is no "privileged question" in the Grand Chapter, but any Companion may ask the Grand High Priest to allow him to be heard on a question, or a subject, which involves the Ancient Usages, Customs, and Landmarks of the Fraternity, or the proceedings of a Subordinate Chapter.

SEC. 16. All matters in the Grand Chapter shall be determined by a majority of votes; the Grand High Priest, or in his absence the Presiding Officer, in case of a tie, having the casting vote.

SEC. 17. When a debate on any question has been allowed to fully explain or discuss it, the Grand High Priest may direct the vote to be taken, unless a resolution is adopted postponing the further discussion to another Communication of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 18. The vote may be taken *viva voce*. A vote by yeas and nays shall not be allowed. A vote by Chapters may be called as hereinafter provided, but a standing vote may be required by the Grand High Priest or by three members of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 19. On all questions before the Grand Chapter, when a vote by Chapters is requested by the Representatives of six Chapters, and in the election of Grand Officers, each Representative shall be entitled to cast one vote for each member of his Chapter in good standing, who is a member of the Grand Chapter, and who is not present.

SEC. 20. The Grand High Priest decides all questions of order, and no appeal from his decision can be taken. The stroke of the Grand High Priest's Sceptre commands order, when all the Companions must be seated and silence observed.

SEC. 21. All propositions to determine questions of finance, in which the Chapters have an interest, affecting their revenue, or involving contribution of their funds, shall be acted upon only at the Quarterly Communication in December.

SEC. 22. A Chapter when duly assembled may, by vote of a majority of the members present, instruct its High Priest, King, Scribe, and Representative, on any subject to be considered in the Grand Chapter, and such instructions, recorded on the minutes of the Chapter, shall be binding upon such officers and Representative, except that any Past High Priest may direct the Representative to vote specially for him.

SEC. 23. The officers and Past High Priests of any Chapter which shall not have fully paid its dues for the past Masonic year to the Grand Chapter, shall not be permitted to vote therein, either personally or by Representative. The Masonic year for payment of these dues shall end on the day of the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Chapter in December.

ARTICLE X.

REVENUE OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

SEC. 1. The revenue of the Grand Chapter shall be derived from:

Warrants for new Chapters, each	\$200.00
Conferring the Mark Master Masons' degree, on each person . . . . .	.40
Conferring the Most Excellent Master Masons' degree, on each person . . . . .	.35

Conferring the Royal Arch degree, on each person . . . . .	.75
Annual dues for each member of a Chapter . . . . .	.30
Annual dues for each member of a Mark Lodge . . . . .	.20
Dispensations, each	1.00
Grand Chapter certificates, each	2.00

Annual dues shall be paid upon each Companion or Brother, who is a member on St. John the Evangelist's Day (December 27), except Past Grand High Priests.

ARTICLE XI.

GRAND CHAPTER AND CHAPTER CERTIFICATES.

SEC. 1. A Grand Chapter Certificate shall be granted to every Companion producing to the Grand Secretary a certificate of his good Masonic standing in the Chapter of which he is a member, signed by the High Priest, with the seal of the Chapter attached, attested by the Secretary, and accompanied by the prescribed fee. A Grand Chapter Certificate is given under the seal of the Grand Chapter, with the signatures of the Grand Officers. The Companion to whom it is granted shall subscribe his name in full in the margin thereof.

SEC. 2. A Chapter Certificate shall be granted to a Companion whose resignation has been accepted by his Chapter. Such Certificate must be signed by the High Priest, King and Scribe, and have the seal of the Chapter attached, attested by the Secretary. The Companion to whom it is granted shall subscribe his name in full in the margin thereof.

SEC. 3. A Chapter Certificate shall be granted to

a Companion who, after suspension or expulsion, has been restored to good Masonic standing, stating that the Companion has ceased to be a member of the Chapter and is in good Masonic standing. Such certificate must be signed by the High Priest, King and Scribe, and have the seal of the Chapter attached, attested by the Secretary. The Companion to whom it is granted shall subscribe his name in full in the margin thereof.

SEC. 4. Chapter Certificates shall be given by the officers of the Chapter without any action by the Chapter thereon.

SEC. 5. All Certificates shall be printed in the English language, and no Certificates other than those authorized by this Article shall be issued by any Chapter.

ARTICLE XII.

MASONIC CLOTHING AND JEWELS OF THE GRAND AND SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SEC. 1. The Jewels of the various Officers of the Grand Chapter shall be respectively as follows, viz.

Of the Grand High Priest, a Jewish Mitre with the Triple Tau in front.

Of the Grand King, a Royal Crown.

Of the Grand Scribe, a Turban.

Of the Grand Treasurer, Crossed Keys.

Of the Grand Secretary, Crossed Quill Pens.

Of the District Deputy Grand High Priests, the Equilateral Triangle.

Of the Grand Chaplains, the Bible.

Of the Grand Captain of the Host, Soldier with Drawn Sword.

Of the Grand Principal Sojourner, Pilgrim with Staff.

Of the Grand Royal Arch Captain, Cross-hilted Swords, crossed, the hilts on the lower part of the Triangle.

Of the Grand Masters of the Vails, a Cross-hilted Sword, point downward.

Of the Grand Marshal, Laurel Wreath interlaced with Crossed Batons.

Of the Grand Masters of Ceremonies, Laurel Wreath interlaced with Crossed Wands.

Of the Grand Pursuivant, Sabre crossed with Trumpet.

Of the Grand Tyler, Crossed Sabres, hilts resting on the lower part of the Triangle.

Each of these Jewels, except those of the District Deputy Grand High Priest, shall be placed on an Equilateral Triangle, each side of the Triangle to be three inches long and three-eighths of an inch wide, placed on a circular band three-eighths of an inch wide.

The triangle and circle of the jewels of the Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe shall each have a raised border on the inner and on the outer edge. The triangle of the Grand High Priest's jewel shall have a seven-pointed star in each of its angles; that of the Grand King in each of its lower angles; that of the Grand Scribe in its upper angle.

The triangle and circle of the jewels of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary shall have a raised border on the outer edge. Those of all other officers shall be plain. The Jewel of a Past Grand High Priest shall consist of a Breastplate in appropriate colors, placed on an equilateral triangle of gold having a seven-pointed star in each of its angles: the triangle

to be placed on a circle of gold, and all to be suspended from a Mitre of white and gold.

The Jewels of the Grand Officers shall be gilt.

The Jewels of the Subordinate Chapters shall be the same as for the Officers of the Grand Chapter, except the circular band, which shall be omitted.

The Jewel of the Guide shall be a Laurel Wreath interlaced with Crossed Batons.

The Jewel of Past High Priests shall be a Seven-pointed Star, one inch wide, placed upon an Equilateral Triangle.

SEC. 2. The aprons of Officers of the Grand and Subordinate Chapters shall be of white satin, sixteen inches wide, and fourteen inches deep, with an indented scarlet and purple border two inches wide, the scarlet part pointing inward: the border of the flap to be of the same description, one inch wide; in the centre of the flap shall be a triangle of three inch sides three-eighths of an inch wide of scarlet satin surrounded with a gold border, and within the triangle a triple tau, each tau one inch long, embroidered in gold. Two flat gold tassels shall be suspended by scarlet ribbons two inches wide, coming from under the flap; upon the body of the apron shall be embroidered in gold a representation of the jewel of the officer, the size of the Jewel to be the same as that attached to the collar, on a ground of scarlet satin. The lining and girdle to be of scarlet. For the Officers of the Grand Chapter, the ground of the triangle, the representation of the Jewel, the lining, the ribbons suspending the tassels and the girdle shall be purple.

The apron of a Royal Arch Mason shall be white lambskin fourteen inches wide and twelve inches deep, having the same border and flap as the apron

of the officers; in the centre of the flap shall be printed a triangle, with a triple tau in the centre thereof, and in like manner in the centre of the apron the number of the Chapter. The printed figures, the lining and girdle shall be scarlet.

SEC. 3. The jewels of office worn by Officers of the Grand Chapter shall be suspended by a collar of moire antique silk, four inches wide, measured square across from the point of intersection of the interior curves of the collar, tapering to two and one-half inches at the neck. The collar shall be of three colors, viz.: blue, scarlet, and purple, in the order named, the blue on the inner edge. It shall be lined with purple and be furnished with a gilt swivel to which shall be attached the jewel of the office. The jewels of office worn by the Officers of Subordinate Chapters shall be suspended by a scarlet collar of moire antique silk three and one-half inches wide, measured square across from the point of intersection of the interior curves of the collar, tapering to two inches at the neck, lined with scarlet and furnished with a gilt swivel to which to attach the Jewel of the office.

The jewel of Past High Priests to be worn on the left breast, suspended by a scarlet ribbon of ribbed silk.

SEC. 4. The jewels of the Officers of Mark Master Masons' and Most Excellent Master Masons' Lodges shall be respectively as follows, viz.: Of the Worshipful Master, a square, with sides three and one-half inches long and one-half an inch wide; from the inner angle of the Square is suspended another Square of half the size. Of the Senior Warden, a Square similar to the one used by the Worshipful Master; from the inner angle of the Square is suspended a Level,

having a base two inches wide, and an altitude of one and a half inches. Of the Junior Warden, a Square similar to the one used by the Worshipful Master; from the inner angle of the Square is suspended a Plumb two inches long and five-eighths of an inch wide. Of the Treasurer, Crossed Keys. Of the Secretary, Crossed Quill Pens. Of the Chaplain, the Bible. Of the Overseers in the Mark Master Masons' Lodge, the Plumb, Level and Square, respectively. Of the Masters of Ceremonies, Laurel Wreath interlaced with Crossed Wands. Of the Pursuivant, Sabre crossed with Trumpet. Of the Guide, Laurel Wreath interlaced with Crossed Batons, each one and a half inches long. Of the Tyler, the same as for the Chapter.

All the jewels shall be gilt.

SEC. 5. The jewels of office worn by the Officers of Mark and Most Excellent Master Masons' Lodges shall be suspended from a collar of moire antique silk, three and one-half inches wide, measured square across from the point of intersection of the interior curves of the collar, tapering to two inches at the neck. The collar to be made of blue moire antique silk and to have a scarlet border on the outer and inner edges of the collar, seven-eighths of an inch at its widest point tapering with the collar to one-half an inch at the neck.

SEC. 6. The aprons of Officers of Mark Master Masons' and Most Excellent Master Masons' Lodges shall be white satin, sixteen inches wide and fourteen inches deep, having a border two inches wide, with a blue centre one inch wide, and scarlet edges one-half an inch wide. The border of the flap to be of the same description, but half the size. Two flat gold

tassels shall be suspended by ribbons two inches wide, of the same description as the border of the apron. In the centre of the body of the apron is embroidered in gold a representation of the jewel of the office and of the same size. Girdles and lining to be of scarlet.

SEC. 7. The Robe of the High Priest shall consist of a long white gown with flowing sleeves trimmed with white embroidery, over which shall be worn a robe of blue silk with shoulder sleeves trimmed with scarlet velvet edges two inches wide with open gold lace work and fringe; the blue robe shall have a turned-down collar of red velvet, two and a half inches wide ornamented with open-work gold lace; the bottom of the blue robe shall be trimmed alternately with pomegranates of blue, purple and scarlet silk, small gilt bells and fringe.

Over this robe shall be worn an ephod of white moire antique silk, lined with blue, the front and back of the ephod to be exactly alike. The distance from the neck-piece to the bottom to be twenty-seven inches, the extreme width at the shoulders to be twenty-one inches, tapering gradually for a distance of thirteen inches, at which point the width shall be fifteen and a half inches; thence gradually widening and osculating with a semi-elliptical curve whose major axis is nineteen and a half inches.

The Ephod shall be bordered with a gilt point d'Espagne lace, interspersed alternately with circular velvet spots of the appropriate colors, blue, purple and scarlet, two inches from centre to centre. Inside of the aforesaid lace there shall be a vine embroidered with gilt braid, conforming to the outlines of the ephod, and provided with leaves of gilt braid interspersed alternately with more prominent

leaves, composed of gilt braid and silk needlework of the appropriate colors. Near the centre of the lower edge the vines from each side interlace, forming a pointed ornament twelve inches long and seven inches wide at its broadest part, said ornament being cut out of velvet, having the appropriate colors and edged with gilt braid. On each shoulder and attached to the ephod there shall be a gilt rectangular plate four and a half inches long, and two and a half inches wide, with the names of the twelve tribes of Israel engraved thereon in Roman capital letters, as follows: On the right shoulder, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Joseph and Benjamin. On the left shoulder, Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar and Zebulun; around the waist is worn a curious girdle three inches wide, composed of gilt, blue, purple, scarlet and white silk cords, interwoven so as to form a flat surface. Over the ephod, suspended by a gilt chain, is worn a square breast-plate with stone settings, and the names of the twelve tribes of Israel engraved under the appropriate colored stones, as described in Exodus, Chapter 39, verses 9 to 14. The mitre shall be of authentic Jewish shape, seven and a half inches high, nine inches in diameter at the largest part, having a gossamer body covered with white satin laid on in narrow pleats. Around the mitre is placed a gold-wire lace, one and five-eighths inches wide, surmounted with a vine of gold bullion embroidery, one inch wide. On the front centre of the band shall be placed a gilt metal plate, four inches long and one and a quarter inches wide, having the words "Holiness to the Lord" engraved thereon. Above the plate shall be placed a Triple Tau, one and a quarter inches wide and two and a quarter inches high.

The King's robe shall be a royal robe of scarlet velvet with flowing sleeves of the same material. The edges of the sleeves, front edges and bottom of the robe shall be faced with ermine. On the sleeves and front edges of the robe the ermine shall be four inches wide, and around the bottom of the robe, six inches wide. The ermine to be edged with gold or gilt open-work lace. The robe to be provided with a cape of ermine sixteen inches deep, lined with scarlet, and to be fastened in front with snap-buttons. The cape to be fastened around the neck with a scarlet cord one-eighth of an inch in diameter, provided with tassels two inches in length.

The King's Crown shall be composed of a band of scarlet velvet ornamented with gold lace and precious stones, surmounted with six arches of scarlet velvet, trimmed with gold or gilt lace or embroidery. These arches to have curved sides, tapering to a point, where joined and fastened with a gilt knob. Under the arches a fillet of scarlet silk. On the front of the band is fastened a gilt plate, four inches long and one and a half inches wide, with the words "Holiness to the Lord" engraved thereon.

The Scribe's robe shall be of royal purple velvet, with flowing sleeves of the same material, trimmed with ermine and gilt or gold lace, as provided for the King's robe, but without cape, having a standing collar of purple one and a half inches wide.

The King's and Scribe's robes to be fastened in front with snap-buttons, and be provided with appropriate silk cord and tassels of the same color as the robe.

The Scribe's Turban shall be of purple silk and trimmed with gold or gilt lace and precious stones. The Turban to be pleated on each side, and sur-

mounted with a coronet three inches high. On the front a gilt plate of the same description as the one on the King's crown.

The Officers' Crowns shall be of morocco, five inches high, having the form of a gilt serration of equilateral triangles of one inch sides stamped under the top edge. In the triangular serrations there shall be stamped the following six symbols, placed alternately four times from left to right, viz.: Jewish Mitre—Royal Crown—Turban—Holy Bible—Equilateral Triangle with a Yod in the centre—Spade, Pick and Crow, interlaced. The Symbols to be stamped in gold. Under the serrations is stamped a gold band one-eighth of an inch wide, having a gilt scroll one-quarter of an inch wide, placed one-sixteenth of an inch under the gilt band. The bottom to have a silk band of blue, purple and scarlet arranged helically one-half of an inch wide. Above the bottom band is stamped a gilt band one-eighth of an inch wide, and one-sixteenth of an inch above this band a gilt scroll one-quarter of an inch wide. On the front of the crowns is stamped an oval plate in gold four inches by two and one-quarter inches, and in the plate in raised letters, three-quarters of an inch high, the words "Holiness to the Lord" in three rows, the top row having the word "HOLINESS" in letters three-eighths of an inch high, the middle row the words "TO THE" in letters one-quarter of an inch high, and in the bottom row the word "LORD" in letters one-half an inch high. Above the crown proper is a semicircular frontlet, four and a half inches high, ornamented on its upper edge with the form of serrated triangles, as on the crown. In the centre of the frontlet is stamped in gold the jewel of the office. The colors of the crowns

to be as follows: For Treasurer, Secretary, Master of the Third Vail, Masters of Ceremonies, Pursuivant, Guide and Tyler to be scarlet; for Chaplain and Royal Arch Captain to be white; for Captain of the Host to be dark blue; for Principal Sojourner to be stone color; for Master of the First Vail to be light blue, and for Master of the Second Vail to be purple.

The Crowns of the Officers of the Grand Chapter shall be of gilt morocco, except the semicircular frontlet, and be of the same shape and size as those of the Officers of the Subordinate Chapters. The semicircular frontlet shall have the color appropriate to the Office for which the Crown is designated, and the oval in front of the Crown to be a gilt metallic plate, with "Holiness to the Lord" engraved thereon.

The Captain of the Host, Royal Arch Captain, Masters of the Vails, Masters of Ceremonies, Pursuivant and Tyler shall each wear a sword, suspended from a shoulder belt, two inches wide, and of the same color and material as the crown of the officer who wears the sword, made adjustable by means of a gilt oval plate on the breast, containing in engraved figures the number of the Chapter. The sword shall be cross-hilted, brass or gilt mounted, with steel scabbard covered with leather of the same color as the sword belt.

Royal Arch Masons shall wear a crown of scarlet morocco, having the same width and decorations as the officers, omitting the circular frontlet, but having a scarlet binding on the lower edge.

The aprons, collars, and jewels of Officers are worn outside and over the robes.

The signet shall be a massive seal ring, made of gold or gilt, with a triangle engraved thereon,

and the Hebrew "Yod" in the centre of the triangle.

SEC. 8. A member of a Chapter to be properly clothed, before admission therein, must wear a Royal Arch apron and crown. To be properly clothed for admission to Communications of the Grand Chapter, each Officer or Past High Priest of a Chapter must also wear his appropriate jewel. Chapters may make such other regulations for the government of their members as to dress, at Chapter meetings only, as may be approved in their By-Laws.

ARTICLE XIII.

MASONIC FURNITURE

SEC. 1. The Altar shall be thirty-six inches long, twenty-four inches wide and twenty-four inches high, having a scarlet upholstered top. There shall also be two semi-circular cushions thirty-six inches in diameter.

The Arch shall consist of a base with six steps, terminating in a platform fifty-four inches long and fifteen inches wide. Upon this platform are erected two turned columns, of the Doric Order of Architecture, fifty-one inches high, forty-two inches from centre to centre, an average thickness of six inches, supporting a semi-circular arch, having a square section of six-inch sides. In the centre of the arch shall be a keystone, having a loose section, keeping the face intact, and one and a half inches in thickness. The entire arch to be painted white.

The Ark shall be twenty-seven and a half inches long, sixteen and a half inches wide and twelve inches high, with a top and base moulding. The Ark shall be gilt both inside and out. On each side of the Ark shall be two gilt rings, large enough to

admit gilt staves. The staves shall be four feet long, one and a half inches in diameter, having a turned knob at each end. Around the lid of the Ark there shall be a serrated gilt crown two inches high, making the entire height of the Ark fourteen inches. At each end of the lid, and within the serration, there shall be a kneeling gilt Cherub, the one looking toward the other, the Cherubim having their wings extended, covering the entire top of the Ark. The height of each Cherub shall be twelve inches from its head to the lid of the Ark.

The Altar of Burnt-Offering shall have a square base of twenty-five inch sides, finished with an appropriate moulding eight inches high, and tapering until each side is twenty-two inches long. On this base is placed a frustum, having a bottom of twenty-two inch sides, a top of seventeen and a half-inch sides, and an altitude of eighteen and a half inches. On the top of the frustum is placed a square top, extending a half inch beyond the top of the frustum, finished with an appropriate moulding four and a half inches high, and widening to twenty-two inches. In each of the four corners of the top of the Altar is placed a horn of two and a half inches base and four inches high, pointing diagonally, the point being directly over the corner of the top of the Altar. The sides of the frustum to be paneled, and the entire Altar gilt. On the top of the Altar there shall be a representation of a small pile of wood concealing a basin ten inches in diameter and two and a half inches deep.

The Columns shall be twenty and a half inches high and the base of the pedestal four inches square. Both columns to be gilt, one of the Corinthian and the other of the Ionic order of architecture.

SEC. 2. The Wicket shall have a bottom twenty inches square, two sides eighteen inches high in the front and tapering to six inches. The front to be twenty inches at the base and eighteen inches high, having a hole in the centre four and a quarter inches in diameter and seven inches from the base.

The Keystone shall be an inverted frustum, the bottom to be three inches and the top four and a half inches square. The height shall be five inches, and on one side there shall be appropriate figures. On the top there shall be a square projection of three inch sides and seven-eighths of an inch high.

The Approved Work shall be seven inches long, three and a half inches wide and two inches thick.

The Trestle Board shall be eighteen inches long and ten inches wide, and three-quarters of an inch thick, having a keystone of constitutional size and shape painted thereon.

SEC. 3. The Relics shall consist of a pedestal, a triple triangle and the Book of the Law.

The Pedestal shall be six inches square and thirteen inches high, having an appropriate base moulding and paneled sides. The top of the pedestal shall have an upholstered scarlet circular top of nine inches diameter, having attached to its surface, and concentric to its circumference, a circular brass plate, with a raised rim a half an inch wide, and in its centre a raised equilateral triangle, having three inch sides three-eighths of an inch wide, and within, a raised Hebrew "Yod."

The Triple Triangle shall consist of two equilateral triangles having three inch sides three-eighths of an inch wide, interlaced so as to form a perfect hexagon within, where there shall be a triangular

plate of one inch sides, surrounded by rays and attached to the interlaced triangles.

The Book of the Law shall be made of parchment, eighteen inches long, eight and a half inches wide, with Hebrew characters on one side, furnished with roll and slat.

ARTICLE XIV.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SEC. 1. Every Royal Arch Chapter within this Jurisdiction shall work under a Warrant from this Grand Chapter, and acknowledge its authority. The precedence of a Chapter shall be determined by the date of its Warrant, as recorded on the minutes of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 2. A Warrant may be granted by the Grand Chapter, when deemed expedient, on the petition of at least fifteen Royal Arch Masons, not members of any Chapter, on the recommendation of the District Deputy Grand High Priest and of at least three Royal Arch Masons, members of a Chapter within this Jurisdiction. But no warrant shall be granted for a Chapter within nine miles of the place mentioned in the Warrant of an existing Chapter, without the consent of such Chapter, given under seal, except under special circumstances. The petition must be accompanied with Certificates from the Chapter or Chapters to which the petitioners last belonged, together with copies of the Marks of the petitioners and other satisfactory evidence of good Masonic standing, and that they are not members of any Chapter. No new Chapter shall be named after any living person, nor bear the same name as that of any Chapter previously constituted.

SEC. 3. Every Chapter must be lawfully warranted and be duly and solemnly constituted by the

Grand High Priest with his Officers; or, in the absence of the Grand High Priest, by the Grand King, Grand Scribe, District Deputy Grand High Priest, or a Past High Priest, duly authorized by the Grand High Priest. No Chapter shall be constituted until the Grand High Priest or the constituting officer shall be satisfied that the new Chapter is fully prepared to do all the work of Capitular Masonry. The authority to constitute a Chapter is given under the private seal of the Grand High Priest, or, in the absence of the Grand High Priest, by the Acting Grand High Priest, under the seal of the Grand Chapter, attested by the Grand Secretary.

SEC. 4. Chapters are prohibited from making their charter members life members, for a less sum than fifty dollars each, which must be paid in money.

SEC. 5. No Chapter can be represented in the Grand Chapter until duly constituted.

SEC. 6. The officers of a Chapter are: Most Excellent High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, Secretary, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, three Masters of the Vails, Senior Master of Ceremonies, Junior Master of Ceremonies, Guide, Pursuivant, and Tyler, to which may be added a Chaplain and two or more Stewards, all of which shall be permanent residents of this Jurisdiction.

SEC. 7. The High Priest, King and Scribe of every new Chapter shall be named in the petition for a Warrant, and are to be appointed by the Warrant of such Chapter. The Treasurer and Secretary shall be chosen before the Chapter is constituted. The other officers shall be appointed by the High Priest.

SEC. 8. At the stated meeting of the Chapter next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day, in every

year, the High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, Secretary, and Representative in the Grand Chapter shall be elected by ballot. The election shall be conducted in the same manner as elections are conducted in the Grand Chapter, and according to the rules regulating the election of Grand Officers. The High Priest, to become a permanent member of the Grand Chapter, must be installed on or before St. John the Evangelist's Day. The King, Scribe, Treasurer and Secretary are, if practicable, to be installed at the same time.

SEC. 9. No elected officer shall enter upon his duties until he has been installed, and officers shall continue in office until their successors are duly qualified. The installation of the High Priest shall include the conferring of the order of High Priesthood.

SEC. 10. In case of the death of the High Priest, King and Scribe, or their removal from this Jurisdiction, or in default of an election at the time prescribed therefor; and in case of the death of both the King and Scribe, or of the Scribe, Treasurer or Secretary, default of an election, refusal to be installed, removal from this Jurisdiction or suspension from office, the Grand High Priest may, by dispensation, permit a special election to be held to fill any such vacancy until the next annual election.

SEC. 11. No Companion can be elected High Priest of a Chapter, unless he has been elected and has served as King or Scribe of a Chapter within this Jurisdiction, except in an extraordinary case, in which the Grand High Priest may issue a dispensation authorizing such election. At the formation of a new Chapter, when no Past High Priest, or one who has served as King or Scribe, who is willing and qualified to act as the High Priest, is found among

the petitioners, any one of said petitioners may be chosen High Priest.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF CHAPTERS.

SEC. 12. A Chapter must assemble for labor at least once in every month, except that the stated meetings in the months of July and August may be omitted by vote of the Chapter. The hour for meeting shall be fixed by the By-Laws of the Chapter.

SEC. 13. The stated place of meeting of a Chapter is inserted in its Warrant, but should circumstances at any time render such a place of meeting improper, the High Priest may convene the Chapter at some other place, within the limits named in the Warrant. When a motion is made to change the stated place of meeting of a Chapter, and is seconded by two members, a summons with the seal of the Chapter attached, attested by the Secretary, shall be sent to every member, stating the proposition for removal, and assigning a time for acting upon it. Such summons shall be issued at least ten days before the meeting, and upon such special call, no other business than that designated, shall be entered upon. A vote of two-thirds of the members present, and the approval of the Grand High Priest, or of the District Deputy Grand High Priest, shall be necessary to authorize such removal. If it is decided in favor of removal, immediate notice shall be given to the Grand Secretary of the place to which the Chapter has been removed. Removals from one room to another in the same building, may be made at any stated meeting of the Chapter, provided one month's notice of the intention to vote on a resolution to remove, is given to all the members.

SEC. 14. Elections shall be held, and all business acted upon, in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons,

excepting only such business or work as shall strictly belong to a Most Excellent or Mark Master Masons' Lodge.

SEC. 15. Each Chapter shall adopt a code of By-Laws for its government, which must be submitted to the Grand Chapter for its approval. On receipt thereof, the Grand Secretary shall deliver the same to the Committee on By-Laws for its consideration. The By-Laws become operative when approved by Grand Chapter. The same procedure shall be followed in cases of amendments to By-Laws. When any code of By-Laws has been approved, a copy of the same shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Chapter to the Grand Secretary, to be deposited in the archives of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 16. A committee shall be appointed once in every year to audit and report on the accounts of the Chapter.

SEC. 17. Every Chapter shall, on or before St. John the Evangelist's Day, in every year, transmit to the Grand Secretary, a general return of all degrees conferred, admissions, deaths, rejections, resignations, suspensions and expulsions, with the reasons for the suspensions or expulsions; a list of suspended and expelled members who have been restored to membership by the Chapter, or by the Grand Chapter, together with a return of the election of officers of the Chapter and of Representative in the Grand Chapter. Every Chapter failing to make such return on or before the first Wednesday of February, shall be immediately notified thereof by the Grand Secretary, and if such return is not received by him within three months from the date of the notice, the Warrant of the defaulting Chapter is, *ipso facto*, suspended.

SEC. 18. Warrants of all Chapters suspended for delinquency as to returns, are, on the receipt of such returns, *ipso facto*, revived.

SEC. 19. Any Chapter in arrears to the Grand Chapter for two years' dues (each year ending at the Annual Grand Communication) shall be immediately notified thereof by the Grand Secretary; and, if all arrearages shall not be paid in full within six months from the date of such notice, its Warrant is, *ipso facto*, suspended, and unless cause is shown to the contrary, at the next Quarterly Communication, it shall be vacated. During the suspension or sequestration of the Warrant of a Chapter, neither its officers, members, nor Representative can sit in the Grand Chapter, nor visit any Subordinate Chapter.

SEC. 20. A Chapter may be dissolved:

1. By neglecting to make its returns in due time;
2. By neglecting to pay its dues;
3. By not assembling during twelve months;
4. By the death or resignation of its members;
5. By un-Masonic conduct, and the resumption of its Warrant by the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 21. The Grand High Priest may sequestrate the Warrant of a Chapter for violation of the Landmarks, or for such act or acts of insubordination as tend to destroy the peace and harmony of the Craft, and he shall report the same to the next Communication of the Grand Chapter, with his reasons therefor. The Grand Chapter may forfeit the warrant, but such action cannot be taken until the Chapter has been duly warned of its offense, and has been summoned by the Grand Secretary, to answer the charge made against it.

SEC. 22. When a Chapter is dissolved, it is the duty of its last Treasurer and Secretary, within three

months after its dissolution, to surrender to the Grand Secretary its Warrant, books, papers, jewels, furniture and funds; and the last presiding officer shall transmit to the Grand Secretary an inventory thereof, and be responsible for the execution of this section. No Companion of such Chapter shall be admitted into any other Chapter, or entitled to the benefits of Royal Arch Masonry, until he has paid to the Grand Secretary, all arrears due by him to such Chapter or had the same remitted by the Grand Chapter, and obtained a certificate thereof, which he must present with his petition for membership, together with a copy of his Mark; provided, that this shall not apply to a member of any Chapter which may be dissolved for un-Masonic conduct; in which case the Companion must be restored by a vote of the Grand Chapter, before he can obtain such certificate.

SEC. 23. A Chapter not distinguished by a name, being desirous of adopting one, must produce its Warrant to the Grand High Priest, who will direct the Grand Secretary to endorse thereon the name selected, and to certify the same, under his hand and the seal of the Grand Chapter; provided, that the name chosen is appropriate to Capitular Masonry and not that of any living person, or of any Chapter previously constituted.

SEC. 24. Every Chapter shall have a seal, to be affixed to its certificates and other documents issued by it. An impression from such seal shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, and notice given him of any change thereof, with an impression from the substitute.

SEC. 25. No procession or other public display of a Royal Arch Chapter, or Most Excellent or Mark Masters' Lodge, as such, shall be allowed.

SEC. 26. No Chapter or Companion is permitted to print or publish, or cause to be printed or published the whole, or any part of the proceedings of any Chapter, nor any work, or discourse, relative to Royal Arch Masonry, without having previously obtained the consent of the Grand High Priest.

SEC. 27. A Chapter certificate shall not be granted by the Officers of a Chapter to a Companion, unless he has been a member thereof, and resigned therefrom or, after suspension or expulsion, has been restored to good Masonic standing.

SEC. 28. No Chapter, Officer, or member of a Chapter, shall be permitted to grant a certificate or recommendation to enable a Companion to travel as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner apply for relief.

SEC. 29. One Chapter cannot delegate to another the advancement of any Mason; nor can a Chapter advance any but its own members; nor can any Chapter give its consent to a Chapter out of this Jurisdiction, to receive a petition from or confer a degree upon a resident of this Jurisdiction.

SEC. 30. The fees for conferring degrees and admission to membership, are such as each Chapter ordains for itself, subject to the approval of the Grand Chapter, but they shall not be less than—

For the Mark Masters' and Most Excellent

Masters' degrees, each..... \$5.00

For the Royal Arch degree..... 10.00

Chapters in the city of Philadelphia shall not confer the three degrees of Capitular Masonry for a less sum than twenty-five dollars, nor the Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees for a less sum than twenty dollars. A Mark Lodge shall not confer the

Mark Master Masons' degree for a less sum than five dollars. Chapters located out of the city of Philadelphia shall not confer the degrees upon residents of said city for a less sum than is required to be charged by Chapters located in the city.

SEC. 31. The fees for all degrees petitioned for shall be paid before any degree is conferred.

SEC. 32. No Chapter shall confer the privileges of life membership for a less sum than fifty dollars, except as herein provided.

Where a member has paid full annual dues for twenty years he may be made a life member upon the payment of not less than fifteen dollars, if the By-Laws so provide.

A Chapter, as an acknowledgment of meritorious service of a member for at least one term as its High Priest, or, to one who has paid full dues for twenty-five years, may grant the privilege of life membership without the payment of any fee, if provided for in the By-Laws, but in either of such cases, the motion therefor shall be made in writing at a stated meeting of the Chapter, and, upon being seconded, shall be read and entered upon the minutes, and shall lie over until the next stated meeting, when, if such motion shall receive a two-thirds vote in the affirmative, it shall be adopted. The members shall be notified of the pendency of such motion.

SEC. 33. Honorary Membership may be conferred upon Royal Arch Masons, members of other Chapters, for meritorious services rendered to Royal Arch Masonry, but such an election shall not carry with it any of the privileges of active membership. The members shall be notified of the pendency of any motion relative to Honorary Membership, and in

such case it shall require a two-thirds vote in the affirmative. The Chapter may recall such Honorary Membership at its pleasure.

ARTICLE XV.

OFFICERS OF CHAPTERS.

HIGH PRIEST.

SEC. 1. It is the duty of the High Priest to enforce an observance of the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, and the By-Laws of his Chapter; see that the officers discharge their duties faithfully; that true and correct minutes are made of all Chapter proceedings; that true and correct accounts are kept and exhibited at stated times, according to the By-Laws, and that the property and funds of the Chapter are properly managed and dispensed.

SEC. 2. It is his duty to attend all Communications of the Grand Chapter. He is empowered to call meetings of his Chapter at pleasure. He has charge of the Warrant of constitution, which must always be displayed in the Chapter when it is opened and during its labors. To him belongs the appointment of all the officers of the Chapter not elective, and of all committees not otherwise provided for.

SEC. 3. Where there is no Warrant displayed there can be no Chapter opened. The High Priest, when he cannot attend, shall give the Warrant to the King, and in his absence to the Scribe; and if all are absent, no Chapter can be opened, except by the Grand High Priest, or some Companion specially authorized by him for that purpose.

KING AND SCRIBE.

SEC. 4. The duty of the King and Scribe in the Chapter is to assist the High Priest in conducting its

labors, and it is their duty to attend all communications of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 5. In the absence of the High Priest, the King, and in the absence of the High Priest and King, the Scribe shall take the High Priest's station.

TREASURER.

SEC. 6. The Treasurer shall keep a correct account of all moneys received by him, and pay out the same only on orders drawn upon him by the authority of the Chapter, which orders shall be signed by the High Priest, and attested by the Secretary. He shall make regular entries of his receipts and expenditures, and have his books and vouchers ready for examination, at such times as the By-Laws require, or, whenever called upon, by order of the High Priest, the Chapter, or its Committee on Accounts.

SECRETARY.

SEC. 7. The Secretary shall preserve the archives and seal of the Chapter, and keep minutes of all the transactions of the Chapter proper to be committed to writing, that the same may be submitted to the High Priest, or a committee of the Chapter, or to the Grand High Priest whenever required. He shall preserve a copy of the By-Laws of the Chapter, a copy of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and a list of the members of the Chapter, with the dates of their receiving the several degrees or of their admission. He shall make a record of all petitions for degrees and membership or membership only, and the action thereon, and of all expulsions, suspensions, rejections, deaths and resignations; also, restorations to good Masonic standing and restorations to membership, as well as those communicated by the Grand Chapter, transmitting the name or

names of the former forthwith to the Grand Secretary. He shall immediately notify all rejected applicants that they have been rejected.

SEC. 8. He shall, on or immediately before the 15th day of November, in each year, forward to the Grand Secretary, a correct list of all the members of the Chapter who are also members of the Grand Chapter, and shall make the annual return of the Chapter required by Section 17, of Article XIV.

SEC. 9. He shall issue to all the members notices for all stated meetings, in which he shall give the full name, age, occupation, and residence of every petitioner for degrees and membership, or membership only, whose petition is pending; but he shall not give the names of the recommenders or of the Committee of Inquiry in said notices. He shall also send copies of said notices to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Grand Secretary, and to the particular District Deputy Grand High Priest in whose District the Chapter may be located.

In the notices for the stated meeting of the Chapter to be held one month before the annual election, he shall state the amount of dues which may be owing on the night of the annual election by the member to whom the notice is sent. He shall make his returns at the time and in the form required by the Grand Chapter, and perform such other duties as may appertain to his office, or be required by this Constitution. He shall perform every act as Secretary, which the High Priest or Chapter may direct, in aid of the business of the Chapter, or concerning the same. He shall keep a book in which shall be recorded the place of residence of each member of the Chapter, which book shall be the best evidence of the residence of said member.

OTHER OFFICERS.

SEC. 10. The duties of the remaining officers of the Chapter are similar to those of the corresponding officers in the Grand Chapter, so far as the same apply to Subordinate Chapters.

SEC. 11. The places of the Senior and Junior Masters of Ceremonies are in the west, the Senior to have charge of and attend to the examining-room door, the Junior to have charge of and attend to the preparing-room door. The place of the Pursuivant is also in the west, between the Masters of Ceremonies, and his business is to attend to the outer door.

ARTICLE XVI.

MEMBERS.

SEC. 1. A member of a Chapter, when he receives the lowest degree applied for, or on his admission to membership, shall sign the By-Laws and report to the Secretary his place of residence. When any member changes his residence, he shall, within one month thereafter, notify the Secretary of the change.

SEC. 2. Companions made by Dispensation do not thereby become members of the Chapter in which they are made. To become members they must apply by petition and be duly elected, as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 3. No Companion shall be a member of two Chapters at the same time; but a member of a warranted Mark Lodge may be a member of a Chapter.

SEC. 4. No Companion shall use his Certificate, or expose any Masonic emblem as a sign, in his business transactions.

SEC. 5. If a Companion, by his behavior, shall disturb the harmony of the Chapter, he is to be thrice formally admonished by the High Priest; and

if he persists therein, he may be punished according to the By-Laws of the Chapter, or the High Priest may direct him to leave the Chapter Hall, and see that this direction is complied with before continuing the business of the Chapter.

SEC. 6. If any Mark Master, Most Excellent Master, or Royal Arch Mason, summoned to attend the Grand Chapter, or any Committee thereof, does not comply, or give a sufficient and satisfactory reason for his non-compliance, the summons is to be repeated, and if he continues contumacious, he shall, upon conviction, be expelled from the benefits of Capitular Masonry.

SEC. 7. A member of a Chapter ceases to be such by expulsion, suspension, resignation, or by ceasing to be a member of a Master Masons' Lodge for more than six months. But no member shall be permitted to withdraw from membership, until his dues have been paid, or remitted by his Chapter, or pending any inquiry in which his character may be implicated. Chapters shall have penal jurisdiction over their former members, so long as they remain unaffiliated.

SEC. 8. No Chapter can expel or suspend a Companion at a special meeting.

SEC. 9. Upon the resignation of a member, he shall be entitled to a Certificate without charge therefor.

SEC. 10. No member shall be exalted to the degree of a Royal Arch Mason within four weeks from the time he shall have received the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason, and not then unless he has had his Mark recorded in the Book of Marks; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to abridge the prerogatives of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest relative to the conferring, or causing to be conferred, in his presence, or

by his dispensation, any of the degrees of Capitular Masonry.

ARTICLE XVII.

PETITIONS FOR THE DEGREES OR MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. An applicant for the Capitular degrees, or for membership, shall have some visible means of an honest livelihood, be a Past Master either by election or dispensation, in good standing with the Fraternity, a member of a Lodge of Master Masons, and competent to perform all the work in the degrees he applies for.

He must apply by petition to be presented at a stated meeting of the Chapter. His petition must be in writing or partly written and partly printed. He must sign the petition with his full name, set forth therein his age, occupation and residence, the name, number and location of the Lodge of Master Masons of which he is a member, and the degree to which he has arrived in Masonry. If the petition is for the Capitular degrees, he must state that he has not been rejected by any regularly constituted Chapter, but if for membership only, he must present a Chapter Certificate under the seal of the Chapter of which he was last a member, together with a copy of his Mark. He must be recommended by two Royal Arch Masons, members of the Chapter, who must also sign the petition and certify that the applicant is a Mark Master Mason, has passed the chair, is a Most Excellent Master Mason and a Royal Arch Mason.

The petition, on its presentation to the Chapter, must be read by the Secretary, and referred to a Committee of Inquiry, consisting of three Royal Arch Masons, members of the Chapter, none of whom shall be of his recommenders.

SEC. 2. Action can be had by the Chapter on the petition at the next or some subsequent stated meeting, not less than four weeks and not exceeding four months after its presentation, if a favorable report has been made by the committee; provided, that inquiry has been made of the Grand Secretary if there is anything on the records of the Grand Chapter against the petitioner, and a favorable reply has been received from that officer.

SEC. 3. The Committee or one of its members shall wait on the petitioner, read to him his petition and inquire whether he subscribes to all the conditions therein set forth. The committee shall make diligent and careful inquiry as to all matters which pertain to the character and residence of the petitioner, and report to the Chapter at the next or a subsequent stated meeting, not exceeding four months after its appointment. A report to be favorable must be signed by all the members of the committee. If any member of the committee refuses or fails to act, the High Priest may appoint another member in his place and the committee thus constituted shall not report until the next stated meeting.

SEC. 4. When the report has been read to the Chapter, if it is favorable, the High Priest shall order a ballot to be taken on the petition. If one black ball is cast the petitioner is rejected. Every member of the Chapter present, unless excused by the High Priest, on his own application, shall vote upon this ballot, that unanimity may be ascertained. If by the ballot the petitioner is rejected, a test ballot may be had by order of the High Priest, if he believes an error or mistake has occurred; provided, that no member has left the Chapter room after the first ballot was had and before the test ballot is taken.

Every member of the Chapter present must vote on the test ballot.

SEC. 5. If a petitioner for the degrees and membership, having been balloted for and approved, does not present himself within six months thereafter, all proceedings in his case are void. If the six months shall expire at a time when the meetings of the Chapter are omitted, the conferring of the degrees may take place at the first meeting of the Chapter which shall occur thereafter. A petition for the degrees and membership cannot be withdrawn until a favorable report shall have been made, and then only by permission of a majority of all the members present.

SEC. 6. In case of a rejection upon a ballot, a second ballot upon the petition may be had, provided that the motion therefor shall be made at the same or a subsequent stated meeting held within six months after the rejection. Such motion shall lie over until the next or some subsequent stated meeting, not exceeding three months thereafter, and, if the motion is adopted, the second ballot must be had at the next stated meeting after the adoption of the resolution, notice thereof being sent to the members.

SEC. 7. If the report of the committee is favorable, and the ballot approves the petitioner, he may receive the lowest degree applied for; subject, however to objection from any member of the Chapter. When an objection is made, it must be entered on the minutes, and cannot be withdrawn. Such objection shall have the same force and effect as a rejection by ballot. If no objection is made, and the degree is completed, any objection to further advancement must be in the form of a charge. If the charge is found on trial to be sustained, the Chapter cannot

advance the brother, and he must remain a Mark Master Mason or a Most Excellent Master Mason, as the case may be. If he is on said trial expelled, or suspended, he ceases to be a member.

SEC. 8. The fact that a petitioner does not reside nearest to the Chapter to which he applies, is no disqualification for the degrees and membership therein; but if a petitioner so petitions, and the Chapter inquired of replies under its seal, that a Masonic objection exists, such reply shall be entered on the minutes of the Chapter to which the petitioner has applied, and is equal to an objection, which stops all proceedings of said Chapter and the petitioner is left to the same course as a rejected petitioner, as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 9. When a petition for the degrees and membership is received by a Chapter other than that which is nearest to the place of residence of the petitioner, the Chapter receiving such petition shall, under its seal, inquire of a Chapter within this Jurisdiction, nearest the place of residence of the petitioner, if it has any Masonic objection to the Chapter to which the petition is addressed acting thereon. The inquiry shall be addressed to the Secretary of the Chapter, and shall contain the full name, age, occupation, and residence of the petitioner. The Chapter so inquired of, shall cause said inquiry to be read at the next stated meeting after the same was received. The notices for the meeting of the Chapter inquired of, shall state that "A ballot will be had on the inquiry, if there is any Masonic objection to _____ Chapter, No. _____, acting on the petition of _____, for degrees and membership?" One black ball shall establish the existence of such objection. The result of the

ballot shall be certified by the Secretary, under the seal of the Chapter, to the Chapter making the inquiry, and to the Grand Secretary.

SEC. 10. A resident of a city, borough or town in which there are two or more Chapters, may apply for degrees and membership to any one of them, and inquiry of the others is not necessary.

SEC. 11. In all cases, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Chapter receiving a petition for degrees and membership, or for membership only, to inquire of the Grand Secretary if there is anything on the records of the Grand Chapter against the petitioner, giving his full name, age, occupation, and residence, as set out in his petition; and, when necessary, stating he does not reside near the Chapter to which he has sent his petition, and giving the name and number of the Chapter nearest the residence of the petitioner. A Chapter cannot act on any such petition until it has made the above inquiry and received a favorable reply from the Grand Secretary.

SEC. 12. If an application is made for membership only, the applicant must present a certificate under the seal of the Chapter of which he was last a member, or furnish other satisfactory evidence that he is in good Masonic standing, and that he is not a member of any Chapter.

He must also present with his petition a copy of his Mark, and a statement of the body in which, and the date upon which, he received the Mark Degree, together with a description of the Mark, so that it may be recorded in the Book of Marks in case of his election to the Chapter.

SEC. 13. In all cases in which a brother petitioning for degrees and membership, or for membership only,

is rejected, the Secretary shall record on the minutes of the Chapter the fact of the rejection, and forthwith send notice of the same, under the seal of the Chapter, to the petitioner and to the Grand Secretary.

BALLOT.

SEC. 14. The right of each member to vote by ballot is vested in him. For the exercise of this right he can never be questioned, either by the Chapter, a member, or any other Masonic authority, unless he shall acknowledge that he has acted upon un-Masonic reasons. It is the right of each member to cast a ballot as his conscience and Masonic light command. But it should never be exercised to gratify personal malice, spite, revenge, or any private animosity, or unkindness, or for personal objection of the member, which is individual only to the petitioner and does not affect his character as a member of society. The black ball is to protect the Chapter, the Craft, and the fair fame of Capitular Masonry; and it is a duty to cast a black ball, if the member so voting, believes that the admission of the petitioner would bring reproach on Capitular Masonry by reason of the unfitness of such petitioner.

A REJECTED PETITIONER FOR DEGREES AND MEMBERSHIP—FURTHER PROCEEDINGS.

SEC. 15. At or after the expiration of six months from the date of his final rejection on the first petition, the rejected petitioner may present a second petition for the degrees, and membership, to the Chapter that rejected him; which petition shall be subject to the same proceedings by the Chapter as in the case of a first petition, except that it cannot be withdrawn. If the petitioner is again rejected, the same course shall be followed by the Secretary, as in

the case of the first petition and rejection, stating in addition, in the return to the Grand Secretary, that it is a second rejection. A second ballot cannot be taken on a second or subsequent petition.

SEC. 16. At or after the expiration of one year from a second rejection, the petitioner may apply to the same Chapter in writing, stating that he has been informed that he has been twice rejected therein, and that he believes that the objection, which previously existed against him, does not now exist, and asking the Chapter to permit him to present a third petition to it for the degrees and membership. On receipt of this application the Chapter shall order the same to lie over for one month, and notice shall be given to all the members that at the next stated meeting the Chapter will act on said application. At the next stated meeting, the High Priest shall direct the Secretary to read the application, and when the same is read, the High Priest shall direct a ballot to be taken thereon. If the ballot is unanimous, the petitioner may present a third petition, subject to the same rules and regulations governing the proceedings in cases of first and second petitions for degrees and membership. If the petitioner is again rejected, this rejection ends all action by the Chapter in the case, except by authority specially given by the Grand Chapter.*

SEC. 17. At or after the expiration of one year from a third rejection, the petitioner may apply to the same Chapter in writing, stating that he has been informed that he has been thrice rejected therein, and that he believes that the objection, which previously existed against him, does not now exist, and asking the Chapter to permit him to present a fourth peti-

* See Section 17.

tion to it for the degrees and membership. On the receipt of this application, the Chapter shall order the same to lie over for one month, and notice shall be given to all the members that at the next stated meeting the Chapter will act on said application. At the next stated meeting, the High Priest shall direct the Secretary to read the application, and immediately after the reading of the same, the High Priest shall direct a ballot to be taken thereon. If the ballot is not unanimous it ends all action by the Chapter on the application. If the ballot is unanimous, and the Grand Chapter consents thereto, the petitioner may present a fourth petition, subject to the same rules and regulations governing the proceedings in cases of first, second and third petitions for degrees and membership.†

SEC. 18. If the ballot on an application to present a fourth petition should be unanimous, a certificate thereof shall be prepared, signed by the High Priest, and have the seal of the Chapter attached, attested by the Secretary, and be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, to be laid before the Grand Chapter for its action thereon.

SEC. 19. If permission be granted by the Grand Chapter to receive a new petition from a rejected applicant, the petition must be presented to and acted upon, or ballot had by the Chapter making the application, within six months from the time said Chapter has received official notice that said permission was granted. And no Chapter shall act upon the petition of an applicant for any of the degrees who has been rejected in another Chapter, without the consent of the rejecting Chapter as is provided in Section 20 of this Article.

† See Section 19.

SEC. 20. If a petitioner for the degrees and membership, who has been rejected, applies to a Chapter other than the one in which he was rejected, stating that he was informed of such rejection, the Chapter receiving such petition shall, under its seal, inquire of such rejecting Chapter if it has any objection to the Chapter to which the petition is addressed acting thereon. The inquiry shall be addressed to the Secretary of the rejecting Chapter, and the same procedure shall be had thereon as is prescribed in Section 9 of this Article.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS.

SEC. 1. The Secretary of each Chapter shall annually, in the notice of the stated meeting second preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day, furnish to each member, a statement of the amount due by him to the Chapter, up to said Day inclusive, with notice that if the same be not paid on or before the stated meeting next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day, he may be suspended.

SEC. 2. When a member is to be notified by his Chapter that he is liable to suspension for non-payment of dues, the Secretary shall, one month before final action, send notice to the place of residence last reported by him to the Secretary, and if it shall appear that such member had removed therefrom two months before the date of the meeting at which he was suspended, it shall be no cause of complaint that he did not receive notice of the proposed action of the Chapter.

SEC. 3. Should the member so notified neglect or refuse to pay his dues on or before the said stated meeting next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day, he may at that or any subsequent stated

meeting be suspended. If action is postponed until a subsequent meeting, a notice of the postponement, signed by the Secretary, with the seal of the Chapter attached, must be sent to the member. Suspensions for non-payment of dues at any other time in the year, or without notice when postponed, are unlawful, and will be set aside.

SEC. 4. A Companion who has been suspended for non-payment of dues may, on the payment of the same, be restored to good Masonic standing, which does not include restoration to membership, by a majority vote of the members present at any stated meeting of the Chapter; provided, however, that a Companion who has been suspended as aforesaid may, on the payment of all arrears of dues to the time of his suspension, be restored to membership (which includes good Masonic standing) within one year from the date of his suspension, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any stated meeting of the Chapter, after notice to the members.

SEC. 5. A Companion who has been expelled or suspended from a Chapter for any other cause than for non-payment of dues, and is desirous of being restored, must apply at a stated meeting to the Chapter of which he was last a member, when, if a majority of members voting shall so decide, the Chapter shall request the Grand Chapter to remove the expulsion or suspension; stating the reasons for the application, which being granted, the Companion may apply for membership in the same manner and be subject to the rules and regulations as other applicants for membership, as set forth in Article XVII.

SEC. 6. The suspension or expulsion of a Royal Arch, Most Excellent Master or Mark Master Mason from his Lodge of Master Masons shall, *ipso facto*,

work his suspension or expulsion from his Chapter and Mark Lodge. The suspension or expulsion of a Royal Arch Mason from his Chapter shall, *ipso facto*, suspend or expel him from his Mark Lodge, and his suspension or expulsion from his Mark Lodge shall, *ipso facto*, suspend or expel him from his Chapter.

SEC. 7. Whenever any Mark Lodge shall suspend or expel any of its members, the Secretary shall immediately notify, in writing, each Chapter located in the same place or within ten miles thereof, of the fact of such suspension or expulsion, and in like manner, whenever any Chapter shall suspend or expel any of its members, the Secretary shall notify each Mark Lodge located within ten miles, of the fact of such suspension or expulsion.

SEC. 8. When a member of a Chapter who has been suspended or expelled from his Master Masons' Lodge, and thereby became suspended or expelled from his Chapter, shall be restored to membership in the Lodge from which he was suspended or expelled, such restoration shall, *ipso facto*, restore him to membership in the Chapter; or when a member of a Chapter who has been suspended or expelled from his Mark Lodge, shall be restored to good Masonic standing therein, such restoration shall, *ipso facto*, restore him to membership in the Chapter; or when a member of a Mark Lodge suspended or expelled in his Chapter shall be restored to membership or good Masonic standing, such restoration shall, *ipso facto*, restore him to membership in his Mark Lodge; but this proviso shall not apply in any case where a suspension or expulsion upon charges shall be removed by the Grand Lodge, so that the Companion is restored to good Masonic standing only; such

removal of suspension or expulsion shall have no other effect than to qualify him, upon his affiliation with a Master Masons' Lodge, to apply to a Chapter for membership.

SEC. 9. Any Companion in arrears to his Chapter for two or more years' dues shall have no voice in the discussion of the question of remittance of dues or suspension of a Companion for the non-payment of dues, and shall have no vote on motions to remit dues or on motions to suspend for non-payment of dues.

ARTICLE XIX.

COMPLAINTS, TRIALS AND APPEALS.

SEC. 1. Any Chapter, or member, who may be aggrieved by the action of any Royal Arch, Most Excellent Master or Mark Master Mason, may complain to the Chapter of which the aggressor is a member.

SEC. 2. Any Chapter or member thereof, aggrieved by the action of a Chapter, may appeal or complain to the Grand Chapter within one year thereafter.

SEC. 3. When a charge or charges are made against a Companion, they must be in writing. Each charge must be specific, stating the matter complained of, and to each charge there must be added such special matter, in the nature of a specification, as will bring the subject complained of to the understanding of the Chapter, great care being taken that nothing is put in writing that violates the Landmarks of Freemasonry. After the charge or charges, and specifications, are prepared by an experienced Companion, or submitted to such for examination as to the special care required, the same shall be presented at a stated meeting of the Chapter and read by the Secretary.

SEC. 4. A motion may then be made to refer the same to a committee to report if a trial is necessary. If, however, the Chapter deems it best, a majority vote shall cause said charge or charges, and specifications, to be sent to a committee of five members to be appointed by the High Priest to try the Companion on the same. The trial shall be conducted in compliance with the prescribed "Form of Trials."

SEC. 5. The accused Companion may appeal to the Grand Chapter, from the final action of the Chapter in his case, within one year thereafter; and any member of the Chapter, or any Companion, who believes that a wrong has been done to the interests of Freemasonry by the action of the Chapter, may likewise appeal to the Grand Chapter within one year thereafter.

SEC. 6. If an appeal shall be taken from, or a complaint made of the action of any Chapter, the Secretary shall promptly transmit to the Grand Chapter, copies of the records and papers pertaining thereto, as is required in Section 7 of Article VIII.

ARTICLE XX.

VISITORS.

SEC. 1. A visitor unknown to the High Priest may be admitted to a Chapter on the voucher of a Companion present, or after examination. Visitors known to the High Priest may be admitted by him at his pleasure.

The Grand High Priest, the elective officers of the Grand Chapter, Past Grand High Priests, and the District Deputy Grand High Priests in their respective districts, shall have the right to visit a Chapter at any of its meetings.

SEC. 2. A Companion who is not a member of a Chapter, shall not be permitted to visit any Chapter under this Jurisdiction more than once, except by a majority vote of the members present.

ARTICLE XXI.

SEAL.

SEC. 1. The following is a representation of the Seal of the Grand Chapter.



ARTICLE XXII.

GENERAL RULES.

SEC. 1. All powers, privileges and restrictions hereinbefore contained, referring to the Chapters, High Priests, Officers, Companions, and Royal Arch Masons, shall be applied to and govern, as far as they can be made applicable to Mark Master Masons' Lodges, Most Excellent Master Masons' Lodges, and the Masters, Wardens, Officers and members of such Lodges, with the same effect as if they had been specifically designated herein.

SEC. 2. All laws, rules, regulations, edicts or deci-

sions heretofore in force, which conflict with this Constitution, shall be and the same are hereby repealed and declared null and void.

ARTICLE XXIII.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 1. No amendment or alteration of this Constitution shall be made, unless proposed in writing at a Quarterly Communication of the Grand Chapter, and acted upon at the Quarterly Communication in December next following; nor then, unless previous notice has been forwarded to the subordinate Chapters and Mark Lodges of such proposed amendments or alterations, and the same shall be approved by a majority of the members present.

APPENDIX.

ANCIENT CHARGES, CEREMONIES AND FORMS.

SECTION I.

PRAYERS.

No. 1.

Prayer to be used at Opening.

Most Holy and Glorious Lord GOD, Thou Great Architect of Heaven and Earth, Who art the Giver of all good gifts and graces, and hast promised that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name, Thou wilt be in the midst of them: In Thy Name we assemble and meet together, most humbly beseeching Thee to bless us in all our undertakings, that we may know and serve Thee aright, that all our doings may tend to Thy glory and the salvation of our souls. Amen.

Response by the Companions: So mote it be.

No. 2.

Prayer to be used at Closing.

May the blessings of Heaven rest on us, and on all regular Royal Arch [Mark Master or Most Excellent Master] Masons! May we practice out of the Chapter [Lodge] those principles of religion and morality we are taught within it. May every moral and social virtue cement us in the bonds of peace and fraternal love, and procure Thy gracious favor, O blessed Lord GOD, Who livest and reignest in indescribable glory and happiness, forever and ever. Amen.

Response by the Companions: So mote it be.

No. 3.

The following Prayer may be used at the exaltation of a Royal Arch Mason, or omitted at the discretion of the High Priest.

O Thou Eternal and Omnipotent JEHOVAH! the glorious and everlasting I AM! permit us, Thy frail and dependent creatures, to approach Thy Divine Majesty; and vouchsafe to commune with us from Thy mercy-seat. We humbly adore Thine unspeakable perfections, and Thine unbounded goodness and benevolence. We bless Thee that Thy hand hath been outstretched over us for our protection and defence. And O Thou! who didst aforetime appear unto Thy servant Moses in a flame of fire, out of the midst of a bush, enkindle, we beseech Thee, in each of our hearts a flame of devotion to Thee, of love to each other, and of charity to all mankind. And finally, O Merciful Father! when the earthly house of this tabernacle shall be dissolved, may we be admitted into the presence of the Grand Council of Heaven where the Supreme High Priest forever presides—forever reigns. Amen.

Response by the Companions: So mote it be.

SECTION II.

CHARGES.

1. Charge at Opening a Mark Master Masons' Lodge.

Wherefore, Brethren, lay aside all malice, and guile, and hypocrisy, and envy, and all evil speaking.

If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious, to whom coming as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God and precious; ye, also, as living stones, be ye built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up sacrifices acceptable to God.

Wherefore, also, it is contained in the Scriptures: Behold, I lay in Zion, for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious corner-stone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste to pass it over. Unto you, therefore, which believe, it is an honor; and even to them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner.

Brethren, this is the will of God, that with well-doing ye put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honor all men, love the brotherhood, fear God.

2. Charge to a Mark Master Mason.

BROTHER:

I congratulate you on having been thought worthy of being advanced to this honorable degree of Masonry. Let me impress it upon your mind, that your assiduity should ever be commensurate with your duty, which becomes more and more extensive as you advance in Masonry.

In the honorable character of a Mark Master Mason, it is more particularly your duty to endeavor to let your conduct in the Lodge, and among your brethren, be such as may stand the test of the Grand Overseer's square, that you may not, like the unfinished and imperfect work of the negligent and unfaithful of former times, be rejected and thrown aside, as unfit

for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

While such is your conduct—should misfortunes assail you, should friends forsake you, should envy traduce your good name, and malice persecute you, yet may you have confidence, that among Mark Master Masons you will find friends who will administer relief to your distresses and comfort in your afflictions; ever bearing in mind, as a consolation under all the frowns of fortune, and as an encouragement to hope for better prospects, that the stone which the builders rejected—possessing merits to them unknown—became the chief stone of the corner.

3. *Charge to a Most Excellent Master Mason.*

BROTHER:

Your advancement to this degree of Masonry is a proof of the good opinion the brethren of this Lodge entertain of your Masonic abilities. Let this consideration induce you to be careful of forfeiting, by misconduct and inattention to our rules, that esteem which has raised you to the rank you now hold.

It is one of your great duties as a Most Excellent Master, to dispense light and truth to the uninformed Mason; and I need not remind you of the impossibility of complying with this obligation without possessing an accurate acquaintance with the lectures of each degree. If you are not already completely conversant in all the degrees heretofore conferred upon you, remember that an indulgence, prompted by the belief that you will apply yourself with double diligence to make yourself so, has induced the brethren to accept you. Let it, therefore, be your unremitting study to acquire such a degree of knowledge and information as shall enable you to discharge with propriety the various duties incumbent on you, and to preserve unsullied the title now conferred upon you of a Most Excellent Master Mason.

4. *Charge to a Royal Arch Mason.*

COMPANION:

By the consent and assistance of the members of this Chapter, you are now exalted to the supreme degree of a Royal Arch Mason.

The rites and mysteries developed in this degree have been handed down through a chosen few, unchanged by time and uncontrolled by prejudice ; and we expect and trust they will be regarded by you with the same veneration, and transmitted with the same scrupulous purity to your successors. No one can reflect on the ceremonies of gaining admission into this place, without being forcibly struck with the important lessons which they teach.

Here we are necessarily led to contemplate with gratitude and admiration the sacred source whence all earthly comforts flow ; here we find additional inducements to continue steadfast and immovable in the discharge of our respective duties ; and here we are bound, by the most solemn ties, to promote each other's welfare and correct each other's failings, by advice, admonition and reproof.

As it is our most earnest desire, and a duty we owe to our Companions of this Fraternity, that the admission of every candidate into this Chapter should be attended by the approbation of the most scrutinizing eye, we hope always to possess the satisfaction of finding none among us but such as will promote, to the utmost of their power, the great end of our Institution.

By paying due attention to this determination, we expect you will never recommend any candidate to this Chapter whose abilities and knowledge of the preceding degrees you cannot fully vouch for, and whom you do not firmly and confidently believe will conform to the principles of our Fraternity, and fulfill the obligations of a Royal Arch Mason.

While such are our members, we may expect to be united in our object, without lukewarmness, inattention, or neglect ; but zeal, fidelity and affection will be the distinguishing characteristics of Freemasonry, and that satisfaction, harmony and peace may be enjoyed at our meetings, which no other Fraternity can afford.

SECTION III.

MANNER OF CONSTITUTING A ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,

AND THE CEREMONIES OF INSTALLATION.

Having complied with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, the Companions who have applied for a Warrant for the new Chapter, with the officers chosen by them, will, upon the day and at the hour appointed for constituting the new Chapter, assemble in the Chapter hall.

The Grand High Priest (or the Companion whom he may have duly authorized for the purpose, and who shall be styled, for the time being, Acting M. E. Grand High Priest), with his officers will meet at a convenient place near the Chapter hall upon the day and at the hour appointed.

The Companions of the new Chapter, when notified that the Grand Officers are in waiting, shall send one of their number to the Grand High Priest with the following address :

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

The Companions assembled in the Chapter hall have instructed me to inform you that The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, having granted them a warrant to open and hold a Chapter in the _____, they are desirous that the Chapter should be constituted, and the officers installed, agreeably to the Ancient Usages and Customs of Freemasonry, for which purpose they are now assembled by your order, and await your pleasure.

The GRAND HIGH PRIEST shall answer :

COMPANION :

Be pleased to inform the Companions now assembled, that the Grand High Priest and his Officers shall forthwith attend them to comply with their desires.

The messenger shall return to the Chapter hall, and report the answer of the M. E. Grand High Priest.

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The hall will be opened and untyled, all the Companions present quietly seated, the chairs of the officers remaining vacant; the Officers and Companions of the Chapter to be constituted seated in the northeast part of the hall.

Instrumental Music.

March—while the Officers of the Grand Chapter enter the Chapter hall. [For order of procession see Section IV.]

When the Officers of the Grand Chapter enter, the Companions shall rise and remain standing until the Officers take their respective Stations. The Grand Chapter will then be opened in Ancient and Solemn form, after which the GRAND CHAPLAIN shall make the following

Invocation.

Almighty and Supreme High Priest of Heaven and Earth! Who is there in Heaven but Thee! and who upon earth can stand in competition with Thee! Thine *Omniscient* Mind brings in review all things, past, present, and to come; Thine *Omnipotent* Arm directs the movements of the vast creation; Thine *Omnipresent* Eye pervades the secret recesses of every heart; Thy boundless beneficence supplies us with every comfort and enjoyment; and Thine unspeakable perfections and glory surpass the understanding of the children of men! Our Father who art in Heaven, we invoke Thy benediction upon the purposes of our present assembly. Let this Chapter be established to Thine honor; let its officers be endowed with wisdom to discern, and fidelity to pursue its true interests; let its members be ever mindful of the duty they owe to their God, the obedience they owe to their superiors, the love they owe to their equals, and the good will they owe to all mankind. Let this Chapter be consecrated to Thy glory, and its members ever exemplify their love to God by their beneficence to man.

Glory be to God on high.

Response by the Companions: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. So mote it be.

The GRAND MARSHAL shall then direct the Officers of the new Chapter to form in front of the Grand High Priest, and the Companions form in their rear.

The GRAND KING shall rise and address the Grand High Priest, as follows:

82 ANCIENT CHARGES, CEREMONIES AND FORMS.

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST:

A number of Companions, duly instructed in the sublime mysteries, being desirous of promoting the honor, and propagating the principles of the Royal Art, applied to the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania for a Warrant to constitute a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and a Warrant having been granted, they are now here assembled for the purpose of having the Chapter constituted, and its officers installed in due and ancient form.

The GRAND HIGH PRIEST shall say :

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND KING :

Have these Companions complied with the requirements of the Grand Chapter, and are the officers chosen well skilled in the noble science and the Royal Art?

The GRAND KING shall reply :

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST:

The Companions have all the clothing and necessary furniture, and the officers selected have proved their proficiency in the Royal Art.

The GRAND HIGH PRIEST shall then address the Companions :

COMPANIONS :

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania having been pleased to grant a Warrant to you, Companions of _____, for a new Chapter, conferring on you the rights and privileges of a regularly constituted Chapter, I will now, with pleasure, proceed to comply with your request.

And then addressing the Grand Secretary shall say :

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND SECRETARY:

Read the Warrant granted by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, for the constitution of Chapter No. _____.

The GRAND SECRETARY shall then read the Warrant, after which the Companions shall sing the following

Anthem.

Unto Thee, great God, belong
Mystic rites and sacred song ;
Lowly bending at Thy shrine,
We hail Thy Majesty divine.

Glorious Architect above,
Source of light and Source of love,
Here Thy light and love prevail,
Hail ! Almighty Master, hail !

The GRAND CHAPLAIN shall then make the following

Invocation.

Most Holy and Glorious GOD, Great Architect of the Universe, Maker and Ruler of all worlds ; vouchsafe, from Thy celestial Temple in realms of light and glory, to bless us in this our present undertaking. We humbly pray Thee to grant Wisdom in all our doings, Strength in all our difficulties, and the Beauty of Harmony in all our communications.

Grant, O Lord, that those who are now about to be invested with the government of this Chapter may be endued with wisdom to instruct the Companions in all their duties.

Make brotherly love, charity and truth always prevail among the members of this new Chapter, and may those bonds of union continue to strengthen the Chapters throughout the world.

Finally, may we finish all our work here below with Thine approbation, and then have our transition from this earthly abode to Thy heavenly Temple above, there to enjoy light, glory and bliss, ineffable and eternal.

Glory be to God on High.

Response by the Companions : As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen. So mote it be. Amen.

The GRAND HIGH PRIEST shall then say :

COMPANIONS:

By virtue of the high powers in me vested, I do form you, my respected Companions, into a regular Royal Arch Chapter.

From henceforth you are authorized and empowered to open and hold a Lodge of Mark Master Masons, a Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; and to do and perform all such things as thereunto may appertain; conforming in all your doings to the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania. And may the God of your fathers be with you, and guide and direct you in all your doings.

The GRAND CHAPLAIN shall then offer the following prayer :

Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Who shall not fear Thee, O Thou eternal and omnipotent JEHOVAH! the glorious and everlasting I AM. For Thou only art holy. By Thy *wisdom* may these Companions be directed, by Thy *strength* may they be enabled, and by the *beauty of virtue* may they be incited to perform the obligations herein enjoined upon them; and invariably to practice all those duties *out* of the Chapter which are inculcated in it. Amen.

Response by the Companions: So mote it be.

Music (either instrumental or vocal).

The Officers and Companions shall then resume their seats.

The Officers of the new Chapter shall present the jewels and clothing of their respective offices to the High Priest, who will present them with his own to the Grand Marshal.

The Grand King shall leave his station, take upon his right the High Priest of the new Chapter and present him in front of the station of the Grand High Priest, whom he will address as follows :

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST :

I present you my worthy Companion , to be installed High Priest of this new Chapter. I find him to be skillful in the Royal Art, and attentive to the moral precepts of our forefathers, and I have therefore no doubt he will discharge the duties of his office with fidelity towards his Chapter, and in strict conformity with the requirements of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter.

The Grand High Priest, addressing the Companions of the new Chapter shall say :

COMPANIONS :

Do you remain satisfied with your choice ?

The Companions will bow in token of assent.

The GRAND HIGH PRIEST shall then address the High Priest :

COMPANION :

Previous to your installation and investiture, it is necessary that you should give your unequivocal assent to certain questions which will now be proposed to you relative to the duties of your office.

1. Do you solemnly promise that you will redouble your endeavors to correct the vices, purify the morals, and promote the happiness of your Companions, who have attained this supreme degree ?

2. That you will never suffer your Chapter to be opened, unless there be present three regular Royal Arch Masons ? Nor the degree conferred unless there be present six Royal Arch Masons ?

3. That you will never suffer either more or less than three brethren to be exalted in your Chapter at one and the same time ?

4. That you will not exalt any one to this degree, who has not shown a charitable and humane disposition, and who has not made considerable proficiency in the preceding degrees ?

5. That you will promote the general good of Royal Arch Masonry, and on all proper occasions, be ready to give and receive instructions, and particularly from the Grand Officers ?

6. That to the utmost of your power you will preserve the solemnities of our ceremonies, and behave, in open Chapter, with the most profound respect and reverence, as an example to your Companions ?

7. That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any Chapter that does not work under a constitutional Warrant or Dispensation ?

8. That you will not admit any visitor into your Chapter, who has not been exalted in a Chapter lawfully constituted, without his first being healed ?

9. That you will observe and support such by-laws as may be made by your Chapter, they being in conformity with the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania?

10. That you will pay respect and due obedience to the instructions of the Grand Officers, particularly relating to the several Lectures and Charges, and will resign the chair to them, severally, when they may visit your Chapter?

11. That you will support and observe the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter under whose authority you act?

12. That you will be regular in attendance on the Committees and Communications of the Grand Chapter on receiving proper notice; and pay attention to all the duties of Royal Arch Masonry on convenient occasions?

Do you submit to all these things, and do you promise to observe and practice them faithfully?

These questions being answered in the affirmative, then follows

Music.

The Grand Chaplain shall offer the following

Prayer.

Most holy and glorious Lord GOD, Thou great High Priest of Heaven and Earth,

We approach Thee with reverence, and implore Thy blessing on the Companion appointed to preside over this new Chapter. Fill his heart with Thy fear, that his tongue and actions may pronounce Thy glory. Make him steadfast in Thy service; grant him firmness of mind; animate his heart and strengthen his endeavors; may he teach Thy judgments and Thy laws; and may the incense he shall put before Thee, upon Thine altar, prove an acceptable sacrifice unto Thee. Bless him, O Lord, and bless the work of his hands. Accept us in mercy; hear Thou from Heaven, Thy dwelling-place, and forgive our transgressions.

Glory be to God on high.

Response by the Companions: As it was in the beginning, is

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ARTICLE X.

SECTION 1.

REVENUE OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

Annual dues for each member of a Chapter.....	.50
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ARTICLE XII.

MASONIC CLOTHING AND JEWELS OF THE GRAND
AND SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

' SEC. 8. A member of a Chapter to be properly clothed, before admission therein, must wear a Royal Arch apron. To be properly clothed for admission to Communications of the Grand Chapter, each Officer or Past High Priest of a Chapter must also wear his appropriate jewel. Chapters may make such other regulations for the government of their members as to dress, at Chapter meetings only, as may be approved in their By-Laws.

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ARTICLE XVII.

SEC. 8. Territorial Jurisdiction over petitioners for degrees and membership is vested entirely in Grand Chapter, and any duly qualified petitioner may petition any Chapter under the Jurisdiction of Grand Chapter; but if the Chapter petitioned is not the nearest Chapter to the place of residence of the petitioner, and its place of meeting is located more than nine miles distant from said place of residence, due notice must be given to a Chapter nearer the place of residence of the petitioner, in the manner hereinafter provided for.

SEC. 9. When a petition for the degrees and membership is received by a Chapter other than that which is nearest to the place of residence of the petitioner, the Chapter receiving such petition shall, if its place of meeting is located more than nine miles distant from the residence of the petitioner, under its seal, notify a Chapter within this Jurisdiction nearest the place of residence of the petitioner. The notification shall be addressed to the Secretary of the Chapter, and shall contain the full name, age, occupation and residence of the petitioner. The Chapter so notified shall cause the notification to be published in full as a part of the notice to members of its next or second stated meeting thereafter, together with the statement that any Companion who deems the petitioner unworthy of receiving the Capitular degrees shall communicate with the Secretary of the Chapter petitioned, whose duty it shall be to promptly advise the Chairman of the Investigating Com-

mittee of all objections received. The Chapter petitioned shall not act on the petition within ten days after the mailing of the notices to the members of the Chapter nearest the place of residence of the petitioner, as attested by the Secretary of the Chapter notified, under seal of the Chapter, to the Secretary of the Chapter petitioned: Provided, however, that in each case the necessity for inquiry between Chapters and everything relating thereto is at all times subject to the control and direction of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

SEC. 15. At or after the expiration of six months from the date of his final rejection on the first petition, the rejected petitioner may present a second petition for the degrees, and membership, to any Chapter in this Jurisdiction; which petition shall be subject to the same proceedings by the Chapter as in the case of a first petition, except that it cannot be withdrawn. If the petitioner is again rejected, the same course shall be followed by the Secretary, as in the case of the first petition and rejection, stating in addition, in the return to the Grand Secretary, that it is a second rejection. A second ballot cannot be taken on a second or subsequent petition.

SEC. 16. At or after the expiration of one year from a second rejection, the petitioner may apply to any Chapter in this Jurisdiction in writing, stating that he has been informed that he has been twice rejected, with full particulars as to said rejections, and that he believes that the objection, which previously existed against him, does not now exist, and asking the Chapter to permit him to present a third petition to it for the degrees and membership. On receipt of this application the Chapter shall order the same to lie over for one month, and notice shall be given to all the members that at the next stated meeting the Chapter will act on said application. At the next

stated meeting, the High Priest shall direct the Secretary to read the application, and when the same is read, the High Priest shall direct a ballot to be taken thereon. If the ballot is not unanimous in favor of granting the prayer of the petition, this ends all action of any Chapter in the case of this petitioner for one year, but does not stand as a third rejection. If the ballot is unanimous, the petitioner may present a third petition, subject to the same rules and regulations governing the proceedings in cases of first and second petitions for degrees and membership. If the petitioner is again rejected, this rejection ends all action by any Chapter in the case, except by authority specially given by the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 17. At or after the expiration of one year from a third rejection, the petitioner may apply to any Chapter in this Jurisdiction in writing, stating that he has been informed that he has been thrice rejected, with particulars as to said rejections, and that he believes that the objection, which previously existed against him, does not now exist, and asking the Chapter to permit him to present a fourth petition to it for the degrees and membership. On the receipt of this application, the Chapter shall order the same to lie over for one month, and notice shall be given to all the members that at the next stated meeting the Chapter will act on said application. At the next stated meeting, the High Priest shall direct the Secretary to read the application, and immediately after the reading of the same, the High Priest shall direct a ballot to be taken thereon. If the ballot is not unanimous it ends all action by the Chapter on the application. If the ballot is unanimous, and the Grand Chapter consents thereto, the

petitioner may present a fourth petition, subject to the same rules and regulations governing the proceedings in cases of first, second and third petitions for degrees and membership.

SEC. 20. If a petitioner for the degrees and membership, who has been rejected, applies to a Chapter other than the one or more in which he was rejected, stating that he was informed of such rejection, the Chapter receiving such petition shall, under its seal, inquire of such rejecting Chapter or Chapters if there is any objection to action upon the said petition. The inquiry shall be addressed to the Secretary of the rejecting Chapter, and shall contain the full name, age, occupation and residence of the petitioner. The Chapter so inquired of shall cause said inquiry to be read at the next stated meeting after the same is received. The notices for the meeting of the Chapter inquired of shall state that "A ballot will be had on the inquiry if there is any Masonic objection to Chapter No. , acting on the petition of for degrees and membership." One black ball shall establish the existence of such objection. The result of the ballot shall be certified by the Secretary, under the seal of the Chapter, to the Chapter making the inquiry and to the Grand Secretary.

now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. So mote it be.

The Grand High Priest, addressing the High Priest, shall say :

COMPANION :

In consequence of your cheerful acquiescence in, and promise of conformity to, the Ancient Charges and Regulations of Royal Arch Masonry, you are now to be installed High Priest of this new Chapter, in full confidence of your care, skill and capacity to govern the same.

All the Companions present who are not Past High Priests that have received the order of High Priesthood will then withdraw for a short time. During their absence the High Priest will be installed, and the order of High Priesthood will be conferred upon him in Ancient form, and he will then be invested with his robes of office, Jewel, etc.

The Companions who retired will then return and take their seats. During their entrance, instrumental music will be rendered.

After which the Grand High Priest shall address the High Priest as follows :

MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION :

It is incumbent upon me, on this occasion, to point out some of the particulars appertaining to your office, duty and dignity.

All lawfully constituted bodies of Royal Arch Masons are called Chapters ; as regular bodies of Masons of the preceding degrees are called Lodges. Every Chapter must consist of a High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, Secretary, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, three Masters of the Vails, Senior and Junior Masters of Ceremonies, Pursuivant and Tyler, and such other officers and as many members as may be found convenient for working to advantage.

The High Priest of every Chapter shall see that the By-Laws of his Chapter, as well as the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Chapter are duly observed ; that all the officers of his Chapter perform the duties of their respective offices faithfully, and are examples of diligence and industry to their Companions ; that the Treasurer keeps and renders exact and just accounts of all the moneys belonging to the Chapter ; that true and accurate minutes of all the

proceedings of the Chapter are kept by the Secretary ; that regular returns be made annually to the Grand Chapter ; and that the annual dues to the Grand Chapter be regularly and punctually paid. He has the right and authority to call his Chapter together at pleasure, upon any emergency or occurrence which, in his judgment, may require a meeting. It is his duty, together with the King and Scribe, to attend the meetings of the Grand Chapter ; and the well-being of the Institution requires that this duty should on no account be omitted.

The office of High Priest is a station highly honorable to those who diligently perform the important duties pertaining to it. By a frequent perusal of the Constitution and general regulations, and a constant study of the several sublime lectures and charges, you will be best enabled to fulfill those duties ; and I am confident that the Companions who are chosen to preside with you, will add strength to your endeavors and support to your exertions.

Let the *mitre*, with which you are invested, remind you of the dignity of the office, and its inscription impress upon your mind a sense of your dependence upon God ; that perfection is not given unto man upon earth, and that perfect holiness belongeth alone unto the Lord.

The *breastplate*, with which you are decorated, in imitation of that upon which were engraven the names of the Twelve Tribes, and worn by the High Priest of Israel, is to teach you that you are always to bear in mind your responsibility to the laws and ordinances of the Institution, and that the honor and interests of your Chapter and its members should always be near your heart.

The various colors of the *robes* you wear are emblematical of every grace and virtue which can adorn and beautify the human mind, each of which will be briefly illustrated in the course of the charges to be delivered to your subordinate officers.

You will now present your Officers severally to me for installation.

The High Priest will present the King chosen by the members of the new Chapter, and standing upon his right, shall address the Grand High Priest, as follows (the same form shall be observed by him in presenting all the officers) :

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST :

I present to you Companion _____, who has been chosen King of this new Chapter.

The Grand High Priest shall say :

COMPANIONS :

Do you remain satisfied with your choice ?

The Companions will bow in token of assent.

The Grand High Priest shall then address the King, saying :

COMPANION :

Have you attended to the ancient charges and regulations assented to by the High Priest, and do you fully and freely assent to the same ?

An affirmative answer having been given, the Grand High Priest shall then direct the Grand King to install the King and invest him with his robes of office, etc.

After which the Grand High Priest shall address the King, as follows :

Charge to the King.

COMPANION :

The important station to which you have been chosen in this Chapter requires from you exemplary conduct ; its duties demand your most assiduous attention ; you are to second and support the High Priest in all the requirements of his office ; and should circumstances at any time prevent his attendance you are to perform his duties.

The *scarlet robe*, an emblem of imperial dignity, should remind you of the paternal concern you should ever feel for the welfare of your Chapter, and the *fergency* and *zeal* with which you should endeavor to promote its prosperity.

In presenting to you the *crown*, which is an emblem of royalty, I would remind you that to reign sovereign in the hearts and affections of men must be far more grateful to a generous and benevolent mind than to rule over their lives and fortunes ; and that to enable you to enjoy this pre-eminence with honor and satisfaction, you must subject your own passions and prejudices to the dominion of reason and charity.

You are entitled to the second seat in the council of your Companions. Let the bright example of your illustrious predecessor in the grand council at Jerusalem stimulate you to the faithful discharge of your duties, and when the King of Kings shall summon you into his immediate presence, may you receive from his hand a *crown of glory* which shall never fade away.

The King shall then resume his seat, and the High Priest of the Chapter shall present the Scribe to the Grand High Priest, saying :

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST :

I present to you Companion _____, who has been chosen Scribe of this new Chapter.

The Grand High Priest shall say :

COMPANIONS :

Do you remain satisfied with your choice ?

The Companions will bow in token of assent.

The Grand High Priest shall then address the Scribe, saying :

COMPANION :

Have you attended to the Ancient Charges and Regulations assented to by the High Priest, and do you fully and freely assent to the same ?

An affirmative answer having been given, the Grand High Priest shall then direct the Grand Scribe to install the Scribe and invest him with his robes of office, etc.

After which the Grand High Priest shall address the Scribe as follows :

Charge to the Scribe.

COMPANION :

The office of Scribe, to which you have been chosen, is very important. In the absence of the King you are to perform his duties, and in the absence of the High Priest and King you are to perform the duties of the High Priest. The purposes of the Institution ought never to suffer for want of intelligence in its proper officers ; you will therefore perceive the necessity of your possessing such qualifications as will enable you to discharge the duties which are incumbent upon

you, in your station, as well as those which may occasionally devolve upon you by the absence of your superiors.

The *purple robe*, with which you are invested, is an emblem of *union*, and is calculated to remind you that the harmony and unanimity of the Chapter should be your constant aim; and to this end you are to studiously avoid all occasions of giving offence, or countenancing anything that may create divisions or dissensions. You are, by all means in your power, to endeavor to establish a permanent union and good understanding among the several members of the Masonic family; and as the glorious sun, at its meridian height, dispels the mists and clouds which obscure the horizon, so may your exertions tend to dissipate the gloom of jealousy and discord whenever they may appear.

The Scribe shall then resume his seat.

[NOTE.—The installation of the Treasurer and Secretary may be omitted at the time of the constitution of the Chapter, at the discretion of the Grand High Priest.]

The High Priest of the Chapter shall present the Treasurer to the Grand High Priest, saying :

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST :

I present to you Companion _____, who has been chosen Treasurer of this new Chapter.

The Grand High Priest shall say :

COMPANIONS :

Do you remain satisfied with your choice ?

The Companions will bow in token of assent.

The Grand High Priest shall then direct the Grand Treasurer to install him, and invest him with the proper clothing.

After his installation and investiture, the Grand High Priest shall address the Treasurer as follows :

Charge to the Treasurer.

COMPANION :

You are now invested with the Jewel of your office as Treasurer of this Chapter. The qualities which should distinguish a Treasurer are *accuracy* and *fidelity*—accuracy in keeping a fair and minute account of all receipts and disburse-

ments; fidelity in carefully preserving all the property and funds of the Chapter that may be placed in his hands, and rendering a just account of the same, whenever he is called upon for that purpose. I presume that your respect for the Institution, your attachment to the interests of your Chapter, and your regard for a good name, which is better than precious ointment, will prompt you to the faithful discharge of the duties of your office.

The Treasurer will then resume his seat, and the High Priest of the Chapter will present the Secretary to the Grand High Priest, saying :

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST :

I present to you Companion _____, who has been chosen Secretary of this new Chapter.

The Grand High Priest shall say :

COMPANIONS :

Do you remain satisfied with your choice ?

The Companions will bow in token of assent.

The Grand High Priest shall then direct the Grand Secretary to install the Secretary, and invest him with the proper clothing.

After his installation and investiture, the Grand High Priest shall address the Secretary, as follows :

Charge to the Secretary.

COMPANION :

You are now invested with the Jewel of your office as Secretary of this Chapter. The qualities which should distinguish a Secretary are, *promptitude* in issuing the notifications and orders of his superior officers ; *punctuality* in attending the meetings of the Chapter ; *correctness* in recording its proceedings ; *judgment* in discriminating between what is proper and what is improper to be committed to writing ; *regularity* in making his returns to the Grand Chapter ; *integrity* in accounting for all moneys that may pass through his hands ; and *fidelity* in paying the same over to the Treasurer. The possession of these good qualities, I presume, has influenced the Companions to select you for this important office, and I cannot entertain a doubt that you will discharge its duties beneficially to

the Chapter and honorably to yourself. And when you shall have completed the record of your transactions here below, and finished the term of your probation, may you be admitted into the celestial Grand Chapter of saints and angels, and find your name recorded in the book of life eternal.

The Secretary will then resume his seat.

If time will admit, and the Grand High Priest desires, he may deliver such charges as he may think proper to the Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, Masters of the Vails, and other officers, who shall in such case be separately presented to him in the order of their rank.

The Grand High Priest shall then deliver the following

Address to the High Priest.

(Who, when addressed, will arise.)

MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION :

You have been duly installed Most Excellent High Priest of this Chapter. The station you are called to fill is important, not only as it respects the correct practice of our rites and ceremonies, and the internal economy of the Chapter over which you preside, but the public reputation of the Institution will be generally found to rise or fall according to the skill, fidelity and discretion with which its concerns are managed, and in proportion as the character and conduct of its principal officers are estimable or censurable.

You have accepted a trust to which is attached a weight of responsibility that will require all your efforts to discharge honorably to yourself and satisfactorily to the Chapter. You are to see that your officers are capable and faithful in the fulfillment of their duties. You are to watch carefully the progress of their performances, and to see that the long-established customs of the Institution suffer no derangement in their hands. You are to exercise careful supervision over the Chapter; to see that due order and subordination are observed on all occasions; that the members are properly instructed; that due solemnity be observed in the practice of our rites; that no improper levity be permitted at any time, but more especially at the introduction of strangers among the workmen.

In fine, you are to be an example to your officers and members, which they need not hesitate to follow ; thus securing to yourself the favor of Heaven and the applause of your Brethren and Companions.

Address to the Officers.

(Who will arise.)

COMPANIONS :

Precept and example should ever advance with equal pace. Those moral duties which you are required to teach others, you should never neglect to practice yourselves.

Do you desire that the demeanor of your equals and inferiors toward you should be marked with deference and respect? Be sure that you omit no opportunity of furnishing them with examples in your own conduct toward your superiors. Do you desire to obtain instruction from those who are wiser or better informed than yourselves? Be sure that you are always ready to impart of your knowledge to those within your sphere, who stand in need of, and are entitled to receive, it. Do you desire distinction among your Companions? Be sure that your claims to preferment are founded upon superior attainments. Let no ambition induce you to envy or supplant a Companion who may be considered better qualified for promotion than yourselves ; but, rather let a laudable emulation induce you to strive to excel each other in improvement and discipline, ever remembering that he who faithfully performs his duty, even in a subordinate or private station, is as justly entitled to esteem and respect as he who is invested with supreme authority.

Address to the New Chapter.

(The members will arise.)

COMPANIONS :

You have now been regularly constituted into a Royal Arch Chapter, and the Officers duly installed.

May your Chapter become beautiful as the Temple, peaceful as the ark, and sacred as the most Holy place. May your oblations of piety and praise be grateful as the incense, your love warm as its flame, and your charity diffusive as its fragrance. May your hearts be pure as the altar, and your conduct

acceptable as the offering. May the exercises of your charity be as constant as the returning wants of the distressed widow and helpless orphan. May the approbation of Heaven be your encouragement, and the testimony of a good conscience your support. May you be endowed with every good and perfect gift while traveling the rugged path of life, and be finally admitted within the veil of Heaven to the full enjoyment of life eternal. Amen.

Response by the Companions : So mote it be.

The officers and members of the new Chapter shall then pass three times in review in front of the Grand Officers, with their arms crossed on their breasts, the ends of the fingers pointing to and near the shoulders, the right arm outermost, bowing as they pass.

The Grand High Priest shall then direct the Grand Marshal to make proclamation.

The Grand Marshal shall then make proclamation as follows :

In the name of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, I proclaim this new Chapter, by the name of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , to be regularly constituted, and its officers duly installed.

Proclamation having been made by the Grand Marshal, the Companions shall sing the following

Anthem.

With one consent let all the earth
To God their cheerful voices raise ;
Glad homage pay with awful mirth,
And sing before Him songs of praise.

For He's the Lord supremely good,
His mercy is forever sure ;
His truth, which always firmly stood,
To endless ages shall endure.

The Grand Chapter shall then be closed, and the Grand Chaplain shall offer the following :

Prayer.

Supreme Architect of the Universe, Almighty JEHOVAH,
Thou great I AM, we render Thee thanksgiving and praise

for the Masonic institution, as members of which we have at this time been assembled, and for Thy protection and aid afforded us in the important work we have just completed.

We thank Thee that the occasion of solemnly constituting and installing this new branch of the Masonic family has afforded us fresh inducements, and laid us under stronger obligations to the practice of virtue and morality, and to the observation of all Thy precepts and commandments.

May these obligations O Thou infinite JEHOVAH, have their full influence and effect upon our minds.

Teach us, we pray Thee, true reverence for Thy great and mighty name ; inspire us with firm and unshaken resolution in every virtuous pursuit.

May the solemnities of this day increase our love of Masonry, and tend to the improvement of our conversation and conduct in the Chapter, and in our walk through life.

And as thou didst aforetime appear unto Thy servant Moses, in a flame of fire, out of the midst of a bush, enkindle, we beseech Thee, in our hearts a flame of devotion to Thee, of brotherly kindness to each other, and of charity to all mankind.

And now to Thee, King immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be everlasting glory and honor forever and ever. Amen.

Response by the Companions: So mote it be.

The Grand Officers shall then retire, the Companions standing in silence until the Grand Officers have left the room.

Such instrumental or vocal music as may be deemed appropriate may be introduced during the progress of the ceremonies.

[NOTE —So much of the foregoing ceremonies as relates to the installation shall be used at the annual installation of officers of subordinate Chapters, omitting, at the pleasure of the High Priest or Master, the charges and addresses, but in no case can the unequivocal assent to certain questions be omitted.]

SECTION IV.

CEREMONY AT A GRAND VISITATION.

Whenever the Grand High Priest intends to visit a Chapter officially, for the purpose of inspecting its condition, the Grand Secretary shall notify the High Priest of the Chapter of the intended visitation at least two weeks previous thereto, and direct that the minute book and such other books or papers as he may require be forwarded to him for examination.

The Chapter is opened in the Royal Arch Degree, and when the Grand High Priest is announced the Royal Arch Captain and Master of the Third Vail shall stand inside the Chapter room facing each other. The Companions shall form on the right and left of these officers, in two lines, facing inward, leaving a space for the Grand High Priest and his officers to pass between the lines toward the East.

The officers of the Grand Chapter then enter in the following order :

Grand Marshal.

Grand Tyler and Grand Pursuivant.

Grand Masters of Ceremonies.

Grand Masters of the First and Second Vails.

Grand Master of the Third Vail and Grand Royal Arch Captain.

Grand Principal Sojourner and Grand Captain of the Host.

Grand Chaplains.

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

Past Grand Officers.

Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

Grand Scribe and Grand King.

Grand High Priest.

They proceed toward the East. On the entrance of the Grand High Priest the procession halts, the officers of the Grand Chapter open to the right and left, facing inward, and the Grand High Priest advances, followed by the Grand King

and Grand Scribe, and the other Grand Officers follow in regular order. When they arrive at the East, they form across the room facing West, the Grand Officers on the platform opposite to and near their respective stations, the other Officers on the floor, immediately in front.

The grand honors are then given; after which the High Priest of the Chapter surrenders to the Grand High Priest the Warrant of Constitution of the Chapter, the emblem of his authority and his station. The Grand High Priest then directs the Officers of the Grand Chapter to take their respective stations and places, and the Officers of the Chapter resign their stations and places to the corresponding Officers of the Grand Chapter. He then directs the Grand Secretary to make his report on the minutes of the Chapter. After which the Grand High Priest may make such observations as, in his judgment, the circumstances and situation of the Chapter may require; and he may also deliver an address.

The Grand High Priest then resigns the station to the High Priest of the Chapter and the other Officers of the Grand Chapter vacate their respective stations and places.

Should the Officers of the Grand Chapter retire before the Chapter is closed, the same ceremony must be observed as at their entrance, with the exception of the grand honors.

SECTION V.

FORMS.

No. 1.

Petition for Warrant for a Chapter.

*To The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and
Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging:*

We, the undersigned, being regular Royal Arch Masons, formerly members of the Chapters mentioned opposite our respective names, having received the degrees of Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master Mason, and at this time not being members of any Chapter, pray for a Warrant of constitution, empowering us to meet as a regular Chapter at _____, to be called _____ Royal Arch Chapter, No. _____, and there to discharge the duties of Royal Arch Masonry in a constitutional manner according to the forms of the Fraternity, and the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations of the Grand Chapter. And we have chosen, and do recommend, Companion _____ to be High Priest, Companion _____ to be King, and Companion _____ to be Scribe, of the said Chapter. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict conformity to the Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry, and the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations of the Grand Chapter.

Witness our hands, this _____ day of _____, A. D. 19____, A. I. 24____.

[There must be fifteen signers to this petition.]

Recommendation of the Nearest Chapter, if Within Nine Miles.

At a meeting of _____ Royal Arch Chapter, No. _____, held at _____ on the _____ day of _____ A. D. 19____, A. I. 24____.

On motion made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That the above petition be recommended to the favorable consideration of the Grand Chapter.

[SEAL]

Attest,

_____; _____ H. P.

_____. Sec'y.

No. 2.

Warrant for a New Chapter.

. M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

. M. E. GRAND KING. M. E. GRAND SCRIBE.

*The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and
Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, in solemn form,
assembled at the City of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth
of Pennsylvania, to all whom it may concern,*

GREETING :

KNOW YE, That we, the said Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, by virtue of the powers and authority vested in us, do hereby constitute and appoint our trusty and well-beloved Companion Most Excellent High Priest,
King, and Scribe, of a Chapter, to be called
Royal Arch Chapter, No. , to be held at , or
within three miles of the same. And we do further authorize
and empower the said to admit, make, receive,
accept and exalt Mark Master Masons, Most Excellent Master
Masons and Royal Arch Masons, according to the usages and
customs of Freemasonry, and the Constitution, Laws, and Regu-
lations of this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, and not con-
trariwise. And we do further empower and appoint the said
 , and their successors, to hear and determine all and
singular the matters and things relating to Royal Arch, Most
Excellent and Mark Masonry within the Jurisdiction of the
said Chapter, with the assistance of the members thereof. And
lastly we do hereby authorize and empower the said Com-
panions to install their successors, being first duly elected and
chosen, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and to in-
vest them with all the powers and dignities to their offices
respectively belonging ; and such successors shall in like
manner, from time to time, install their successors, etc., etc.
Such installation is, if practicable, to be made on or before
St. John the Evangelist's Day, during the continuance of this
Chapter, forever.

Provided always, That the above-named Companions, and
their successors, pay due respect to this Grand Holy Royal

Arch Chapter, and the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations thereof, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force or effect.

Given by the authority granted in open Grand Chapter under the hands of our Grand Officers, and seal of our Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, at Philadelphia, this day of , A. D. one thousand hundred and , A. I. 24 .

[SEAL] Attest, *Grand Treasurer.*

. *Grand Secretary.*

No. 3.

Form of Dispensation to Constitute a Chapter, and Report Thereon.

I, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.

To my Worthy Companion

GREETING :

Reposing the greatest confidence in your zeal, fervor and constancy in the Craft, I do, by virtue of the powers and authority in me vested, hereby authorize and empower you to call to your assistance a sufficient number of known and approved Royal Arch Masons in , to open and constitute a new Chapter, to be held there; and to proceed to the installation of our worthy Companion High Priest, and others, the officers of a new Chapter, there to be constituted and established, to be called and known by the name of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , according to the most Ancient and Honorable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all ages, and among all nations in the known world, and not contrariwise. You will make report to me, hereunto annexed, of your proceedings.

This Dispensation shall remain in force for months from the date hereof, and no longer.

Given under my hand and seal, at the City of Philadelphia, this day of , A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

[SEAL] Registered, *Grand High Priest.*

. *Grand Secretary.*

Report of Constituting of Chapter.

To Companion , Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging :

I do hereby report, That in pursuance of the powers deputed in the above Dispensation, I did, on the day of , A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 , in conjunction with a sufficient number of known and approved Royal Arch Masons, constitute the Chapter called Royal Arch Chapter, No. , and install the officers thereof, according to Ancient Usage and Form.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at this day of , A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

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[NOTE.—The officer acting under this authority is styled Acting Grand High Priest, and the other officers will be styled Acting Grand King, Acting Grand Scribe, &c.]

No. 4.

Petition to a Chapter for the Mark, Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees, and Membership.

To the Most Excellent High Priest, Officers and Companions of Royal Arch Chapter, No. :

The petition of the undersigned respectfully sheweth that he is a Geometric Master Mason, a member of Lodge, No. , held at . That he is a Past Master by (state whether by election or dispensation), that he has not heretofore been rejected by any regularly constituted Lodge of Mark Master Masons, or Most Excellent Master Masons, or Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and that he is desirous of being further advanced in the mysteries of Freemasonry by having the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason conferred on him, by being received and accepted a Most Excellent Master Mason, and by being exalted to the supreme degree of a Royal Arch Mason, and of becoming a member of your honorable Chapter, if upon inquiry he shall be found worthy.

Witness my hand, this

day of

A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

Recommended and vouched for
as having "Passed the Chair" by
: : : : : }
: : : : : }

Full name,
Age,
Occupation,
Residence,

[NOTE.—If the petition is for the Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees, strike out all referring to the Mark Lodge, if for the Royal Arch alone, strike out all referring to Mark and Most Excellent degrees.]

No. 5.

Form of Petition to a Chapter from a Companion for Membership.

*To the Most Excellent High Priest, Officers and Companions
of Royal Arch Chapter, No. :*

The undersigned, a Mark Master Mason, a Past Master by (state whether by election or dispensation), a Most Excellent Master Mason, a Royal Arch Mason, late a member of
 Royal Arch Chapter, No. , held at ,
as may be seen by reference to the enclosed Certificate, respectfully prays that he may be admitted a member of your honorable Chapter.

Witness my hand, this

day of , A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

Recommended and vouched for
as a Royal Arch Mason by
: : : : : }
: : : : : }

Full name,
Age,
Occupation,
Residence,
Lodge,

{ COPY
OF
MARK }

No. 6.

Report of Committee on Petition.

*To the Most Excellent High Priest, Officers and Companions
of Royal Arch Chapter, No. :*

The committee to which was referred the [above within] petition beg leave to report [in favor of against] the prayer thereof being granted.

Witness our hands, this

day of , A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

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: : : : : }

Committee.

No. 7.

Chapter Certificate for a Companion who has Resigned.

Signature of the Companion.
NE VARIETUR.

WHEREAS, Companion _____, a Royal Arch Mason, a Past Master by (state whether by election or dispensation), a Mark Master Mason, and a Most Excellent Master Mason, and late a member of _____ Royal Arch Chapter, No. _____, held at _____, under a warrant from The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, has regularly withdrawn from the said Chapter, and has conformed to its By-Laws; we, the High Priest, King and Scribe, of said Chapter, do grant to him this Certificate of his conduct as a worthy Companion during his continuance among us, and recommend him to the kind consideration of the Masonic Fraternity throughout the world.

Witness our hands and the seal of the Chapter, this _____ day of _____, A. D. 19____, A. I. 24____.

[SEAL] _____ *H. P.*

Attest : _____ *K.*

{ COPY OF MARK } _____ *Secretary.* _____ *S.*

No. 8.

Chapter Certificate for a Companion who has been Restored to good Masonic Standing.

WHEREAS, Companion _____, a Royal Arch Mason, and late a member of _____ Royal Arch Chapter, No. _____, held at _____ under a warrant from The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, has ceased to be a member thereof, and is in good Masonic standing, we, the High Priest, King and Scribe of said Chapter, do grant him this Certificate, and recommend him to the favorable consideration of the Masonic Fraternity throughout the world.

Witness our hands and the seal of the Chapter, this _____ day of _____, A. D. 19____, A. I. 24____.

[SEAL] _____ *H. P.*

Attest : _____ *K.*

_____ *Secretary.* _____ *S.*

No. 9.

Recommendation for a Grand Chapter Certificate.

To Companion _____, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and
Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging :

We do hereby certify that Companion _____ is a Royal
Arch Mason [^{now}_{late}] a member of _____ Royal Arch Chap-
ter, No. _____, held at _____, and is in good standing. He was
exalted in Chapter No. _____, on _____ day of _____, 19____.
We therefore recommend him as worthy of obtaining a Grand
Chapter Certificate.

Witness our hands and the seal of the said Chapter, this _____ day of _____,
A. D. 19____, A. I. 24____.

[SEAL]

Attest :	_____	H. P.
_____	_____	K.
_____ Secretary,	_____	S.

No. 10.

*Grand Chapter Certificate for Companions Made by
Dispensation.*

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsyl-
vania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, to
all Ancient and Regular Royal Arch Masons throughout
the globe.

UNION, HEALTH, HAPPINESS.

We do hereby certify that the bearer thereof, Com-
panion _____, being otherwise fully qualified, but un-
able to abide the usual time among us, has had the
honorary degree of a Mark Master Mason conferred
upon him, has been received and accepted a Most Ex-
cellent Master Mason, and exalted to the Supreme
degree of a Royal Arch Mason, by dispensation, in
_____ Royal Arch Chapter, No. _____, under our juris-
diction; he is therefore recommended as such.

In testimony whereof, we have delivered to him this
certificate, and, that the same may not be of use to any-
one else, we have caused him to sign his name in the
margin, *NE VARIETUR*.

Signature of the Companion.
NE VARIETUR.

Given at the City of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the
day of A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

[SEAL G. C.]

. *G. H. P.*

. *G. K.*

G. S.

. *Grand Secretary.*

No. 11.

Commission for a Representative in the Grand Chapter.

To Companion _____, a Royal Arch Mason, a Past High Priest, and member of _____ Royal Arch Chapter, No. _____, under the jurisdiction of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging:

At a stated meeting of _____ Royal Arch Chapter,
No. _____, held at _____ on the _____ day of _____,
A. D. 19_____, A. I. 24_____, you were elected the Representa-
tive of this Chapter in the Grand Chapter.

Witness our hands and the seal of the Chapter, this day of
A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

[SEAL]

Attest :

H. P.

. *Secretary.*

No. 12.

Petition for Dispensation for the Capitular Degrees.

To _____, Esq., Most Excellent Grand High Priest of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and
Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging :

The petition of
respectfully sheweth :

That your petitioner entertains a high opinion of Royal Arch Masonry, and is desirous of becoming a member thereof; but he is unable to wait the usual delays required by the Constitution.

He declares that he is a member, in good standing, of
Lodge, No. , Free and Accepted Masons ;

that he has passed the Chair ; that he has not heretofore been rejected by any regularly constituted Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Most Excellent Master Masons, or Chapter of Royal Arch Masons ; that he is desirous of being further advanced in the mysteries of Freemasonry ; and prays that you will be pleased to grant a dispensation authorizing him to have the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason conferred on him, to be received and accepted a Most Excellent Master Mason, and exalted to the supreme degree of a Royal Arch Mason, in
Royal Arch Chapter, No. .

Witness my hand this _____ day of _____, A. D. 19____, A. I. 24 ____.

Signed (full name). _____ Age,

. Residence,

. Occupation,

We, the officers of _____ Royal Arch Chapter, No. _____, beg leave to recommend the above petitioner to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest as a Brother who, in our opinion, is worthy of being advanced in the mysteries of Freemasonry.

$\cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot$ $H. P.$
 $\cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot$ $K.$
 $\cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot$ $S.$

Granted.

. *G. H. P.*

Attest :

. *Grand Secretary.*

No. 13.

Form of Dispensation for Advancement in Freemasonry.

I, *Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging,*

To the Most Excellent High Priest of Royal
Arch Chapter, No. :

GREETING :

By virtue of the power and authority in me vested, I do hereby authorize and empower you to confer, in your Chapter, the degrees of Mark Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason upon _____, it appearing that

he cannot await the usual delays required by your By-Laws. If the same meets the approbation of the Chapter, this shall be your sufficient warrant for so doing.

Given under my hand and seal, at the City of Philadelphia, this day
of , A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

[SEAL]

Attest: *G. H. P.*
. *Grand Secretary.*

No. 14.

Grand Chapter Certificate.

Holiness to the Lord.

*The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter
of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Ju-
risdiction Thereunto Belonging. To
all Ancient Regular Royal Arch
Masons throughout the globe.*

*Le Grand et Saint Chapitre de Royal
Arche de Pennsylvanie. A tous les
Royal Arche anciens sur la surface
du globe.*

UNION, HEALTH, HAPPINESS.

UNION, SANTÈ, BONHEUR.

We do hereby certify that the
bearer hereof, Companion

Nous certifions par ces presentes que
le porteur de celle-ci

a member of _____ Royal Arch
Chapter, No. _____

est compagnon et membre du Chapitre
de Royal Arche

under our jurisdiction, hath been exalted to the Supreme Degree of a ROYAL ARCH MASON, and hath performed all his works among us to the entire satisfaction of his Companions.

jurisdiction, où il a été élevé au Suprême degré de Royal Arche, et qu'il a travaillé parmi nous, à l'entière satisfaction de tous les Compagnons; c'est pourquoi, nous le recommandons comme tel.

UR. He is therefore recommended as such.

En foi de quoi, nous lui avons délivré le présent certificat, et afin qu'il ne puisse servir qu'à lui seul, nous lui avons fait signer son nom en marge,
Ne Varietur.

In testimony whereof, we have delivered to him this Certificate, and that the same may not be of use to anyone else, we have caused him to sign his name in the margin, *Ne Varietur*.

Donné à Philadelphie, en Pennsylvanie, le jour du mois, A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

Given at the City of Philadelphia,
in the Commonwealth of Pennsyl-
vania, this day of
A. D. 19 , A. I. 24. .

. *Grand High Priest.*
 *Grand King.*
 *Grand Scribe.*
 *Grand Treasurer.*

{ SEAL }

Attest,
 *Grand Secretary.*

No. 15.

Dispensation to Hold a Special Election.

I, *Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging,*

To the High Priest [or Worshipful Master], Officers and Members of Royal Arch Chapter, No. [or Mark Lodge, No.], held at :

GREETING:

In consequence of an emergency caused by and by special request of your Chapter [or Lodge] duly certified to me, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, I do hereby authorize and empower you to hold an election for at your next stated meeting, and to fill any vacancy which may arise by reason thereof: *Provided, however,* that due and timely notice of such election be given to the members of your Chapter [or Lodge].

And for so doing, this shall be your sufficient warrant.

Given under my hand and seal, at the City of Philadelphia, this day of , A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

{ SEAL } G. H. P.
{ G. H. P. } Attest:

. Grand Secretary.

No. 16.

Special Election Return.

[To be sent to the Grand Secretary immediately after the election has been held.]

To Companion , Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging:

I do hereby certify that at a stated meeting of Royal Arch Chapter, No. , held at on the day of A. D. , A. I. , at an election held by virtue of a Dispensation issued by you on the day of , A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 , the following Companions [or brethren] were duly elected officers of said Chapter [or Lodge] for the

remainder of the Masonic year ending on St. John the Evangelist's Day, next; viz.: Comp.

A diagram consisting of two rows of five dots each, arranged in a rectangular grid. The dots are small black circles.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Chapter [or Lodge], at the
day of _____, A. D. 19____, A. I. 24____.

		. . . . .	H. P.
[SEAL]	Attest,	. . . . .	K.
.	Secretary.	. . . . .	S.

No. 17.

Commission to a District Deputy Grand High Priest.

I, *Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging,*

*To my Trusty and Well-beloved Companion _____,
a Past High Priest, and a member of _____ Royal
Arch Chapter, No. _____, held at _____:*

WISDOM, STRENGTH, FRATERNITY.

Reposing the greatest confidence in your zeal, fervor and skill in the Masonic Art, I do, by virtue and in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested, hereby nominate, constitute and appoint you, my said beloved Companion _____, District Deputy Grand High Priest, in and for the Masonic District No. _____, comprising the Counties of _____.

And I do hereby invest you with the rank and dignity of a District Deputy Grand High Priest of the said Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, and I do hereby authorize and empower you as such, to visit respectively all the Chapters and Mark Lodges now constituted, or which may hereafter be constituted, within the said District, as often as may be convenient, or you may judge necessary ; to inspect their labors, and examine and inquire into the state of the said Chapters and Lodges, and their proceedings, and to give them all due Masonic advice and instruction. Also, in my name, and on my behalf, to deliver to the said Chapters and Lodges respectful, affectionate and fraternal addresses, recommending harmony and union among

the Companions and the strictest adherence to the true and acknowledged principles of Ancient Masonry.

And that you annually make report to me of your proceedings in the premises. This power and authority to be and continue in force during my continuance in office, unless sooner suspended or revoked, hereby revoking all former Commissions that may have issued from me or any of my predecessors in office, to any Companion, vesting in him the like powers and authority within the said District.

Given under my hand and seal, at the City of Philadelphia, this day of
 , A. D. 19 , A. I. 24 .

{ SEAL } Attest, *Grand High Priest.*
 { G. H. P. } *Grand Secretary.*

No. 18.

*Deputation to Visit Chapters, and Most Excellent and Mark
Masters' Lodges.*

I, *Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging,*

To the High Priests, Officers and Companions of all the Chapters, and to the Masters, Officers and Brethren of all Mark Lodges held in . . . :

GREETING:

By virtue of the power and authority in me vested, I do hereby authorize, empower and request my faithful and beloved Companion _____, a Past High Priest, and a member of _____ Royal Arch Chapter, No. _____, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, in my name and behalf to visit your Chapters and Lodges, to examine and inquire into their state and proceedings, and to make report thereon.

Also, in my name and on my behalf, I do authorize and empower him to deliver to your Chapters and Lodges respectful, affectionate and fraternal addresses; recommending harmony and union among the Companions and Brethren, and strict adherence to the true and acknowledged principles of Ancient Masonry.

And also, for the purpose aforesaid, to congregate the High Priests, Officers and Companions of the said Chapters, and Masters, Officers and Brethren of said Lodges, at such times and places, and within the limits of the respective Chapters and Lodges, as to him shall appear fit. This authority to continue in force for the term of _____ from the date of these presents, and no longer.

Given under my hand and seal, at the City of Philadelphia, this _____ day of _____, A. D. 19____, A. I. 24____.

{ SEAL } Attest, *Grand High Priest.*
{ G.H.P. } *Grand Secretary.*

No. 19.

Commission to a Companion to Visit Foreign Grand Chapters and Subordinate Chapters.

To the Grand Chapters and Subordinate Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in the two hemispheres,

I, _____ Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, send Greeting :

HEALTH, STABILITY AND HAPPINESS.

WHEREAS, it is the intention of our worthy and well-beloved Companion _____, a member of Royal Arch Chapter, No. _____, under my Jurisdiction, and the Jurisdiction of our Grand Chapter, to travel into [distant countries, other States,] I have therefore, in order to promote, as far as in us lies, a fraternal communication with the different Chapters and Mark Lodges in the [United States, world,] hereby requested and require our said Companion _____ to visit the Grand and Subordinate Chapters of Royal Arch Masons and Grand and Subordinate Lodges of Mark Master Masons in the different [countries States] through which he may travel, and producing these, his credentials, to assure them of my most fraternal regard, and of my disposition to cultivate a mutual correspondence, and to give to said Grand Chapters, Chapters, Mark Lodges, Companions or Brethren, such information as may be requisite concerning the state

NE VARIETUR.

of the Craft with us, believing that it will manifestly tend to promote order, harmony and reciprocal affection throughout the Globe.

NE VARIETUR. Not doubting that this, my Companion, will meet with all due attention wherever he shall make himself known; and promising all due respect and attention to foreign Companions in like manner recommended to me.

NE In testimony whereof, I have caused him to sign his name in his usual signature in the margin hereof, Ne Varietur; and herewith I commit him to the protection of the Great Architect of the Universe.

Given under my hand, and the seal of our Grand Chapter, at the City of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this day of A. D. 19 ,
A. I. 24 .

[SEAL] Attest, Grand High Priest.
 Grand Secretary.

No. 20.

*Commission to a Grand Representative near Grand Chapters
of Other Jurisdictions.*

Holiness to the Lord.

I, *Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand
Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic
Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging,*

*To our Trusty and Well-beloved Companion,
Past High Priest, etc.:*

WHEREAS, The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania desires to cultivate a more intimate and fraternal correspondence between this and other Grand Chapters, and believing that the ties of brotherly affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of the Masonic fraternity promoted, its unity, integrity and strength protected, and its utility and honor confirmed by the appointment and reception of Grand Representatives from each Grand Chapter to the other;

Therefore be it known, That reposing the greatest confidence in your zeal, fervor and skill in the Masonic Art, I do, by virtue and in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested,

hereby nominate, constitute and appoint you, our said beloved Companion _____, Grand Representative, to represent me near the Grand Chapter of _____, for the purposes herein mentioned and set forth.

Given under my hand and seal at the City of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this day of _____ A. D. 19____, A. I. 24____.

{ SEAL
G. H. P. }

Attest, _____ Grand High Priest.
_____ Grand Secretary.

No. 21.

Monthly Returns from Subordinate Chapters.

[To be sent by the Secretary of Chapters immediately after the meeting at which the petitions were received.]

To the Most Excellent Grand Secretary of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANION :

At a stated meeting of _____ Royal Arch Chapter, No. _____, held at _____, this _____ day of _____, 19____, the following named petitioned this Chapter for the Capitular degrees and membership :

Name.	Age.	Occupation.	Residence.	Degree.	Lodge.

The following named petitioned for membership:

Name.	Age.	Occupation.	Residence.	Degree.	Member of Lodge No. at	Formerly of Chap- ter No. at

[NOTE.—No ballot can be had upon any such petition until the Grand Secretary has reported to the Chapter that there is nothing on the record against such petitioner.]

The following named were rejected :

Name.	Age.	Occupation.	Residence.	Lodge.	Degree.	1st, 2d or 3d ballot.	Unfavorable report.

[NOTE.—When rejected on ballot granted by the Grand Chapter, so state.]

The following named were suspended or expelled :

Name.	Age.	Occupation.	When admitted marked, etc.	For what cause suspended or expelled.

The following named were restored :

Name.	Age.	Occupation.	Suspended.	Whether to Membership or to good Masonic standing.

The following named have died or resigned :

Name.	Age.	Occupation.	When admitted.	Died.	Resigned.

[L. S.]

Secretary of

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Royal Arch Chapter, No.

[NOTE.—All withdrawals of petitions should also be reported to the Grand Secretary, and if disqualified on account of physical defects, it should be so stated.]

No. 22.

Petition for Dispensation for Royal Arch Degree.

To _____, Esq., Most Excellent Grand High Priest of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and
Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging:

The petition of

respectfully sheweth:

That your petitioner is a Mark Master Mason, a Most
Excellent Master Mason and a member of—————Royal
Arch Chapter No. ————, and is desirous of becoming a
Royal Arch Mason; but is unable to wait the usual delays
required by the Constitution.

He therefore prays that you will be pleased to grant a dis-
pensation authorizing him to be exalted to the supreme
degree of a Royal Arch Mason, in
Royal Arch Chapter, No.

Witness my hand this	day of	, A. D. 19 ; A. I. 24 . .
Signed (full name).		Age,
		Residence,
		Occupation,

We, the officers of _____ Royal Arch Chapter, No.
_____, beg leave to recommend the above petitioner to the
Most Excellent Grand High Priest as a Brother who, in our
opinion, is worthy of being advanced in the mysteries of
Freemasonry.

	. . . . . H. P.
	. . . . . K.
	. . . . . S.
Granted.	
.	G. H. P.
Attest:	
.	Grand Secretary.

No. 23.

Form of Dispensation for Exaltation to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason Without Awaiting the Statutory Time.

I, *Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of 'Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging,*

To the Most Excellent High Priest of *Royal*
Arch Chapter, No.

GREETING:

By virtue of the power and authority in me vested, I do hereby authorize and empower you to confer, in your Chapter, the degree of Royal Arch Mason upon _____, it appearing that he cannot await the usual delays required by the Constitution. If the same meets the approbation of the Chapter, this shall be your sufficient warrant for so doing.

Given under my hand and seal at the City of Philadelphia, this
day of _____, A. D. 19____, A. I. 24

[SEAL]

Attest: _____ *G. H. P.*
_____ *Grand Secretary.*

SECTION VI.

MANNER OF TRIAL, AND FORMS OF CHARGES AND PROCEEDINGS.

The Committee appointed to try any charge or charges against a Companion, shall organize and appoint a secretary, who shall keep full and accurate minutes of its proceedings, obtain from the Secretary of the Chapter the charge or charges and specifications, and be responsible to the Chapter for the safe-keeping of the original papers obtained by him, or intrusted to his care. The chairman of the Committee shall fix a time for the meeting of the Committee, naming the day and hour when, and the place where, it will meet. The Secretary of the Chapter shall make a true and correct copy of the charge or charges and specifications, and attach thereto a certificate, under the seal of the Chapter, setting forth that the said copy is true and correct.

The High Priest shall then issue a summons under the seal of the Chapter, attested by the Secretary, notifying the Companion that a charge or charges (a true and correct copy of which, under the seal of the Chapter, shall accompany the summons), have been preferred against him, filed in the Chapter, and referred for trial to a committee composed of Companions, whose names shall be given, and summoning him to appear before said Committee at the time and place designated in the summons, to make answer to said charge or charges and specifications, and proceed with the trial thereof.

This summons shall be served on the Companion accused, by the hand of a Companion, by delivering the same to him personally, if he can be found, not less than ten days before the meeting of the Committee; or if he cannot be found, then by leaving the same at his place of residence, as recorded in the book kept by the Secretary of the Chapter of the places of residence of the members.

If the accused Companion cannot be found, and has no place of residence that is known, then the Companion selected to serve said summons, and copy of charge or charges, and

specifications, shall make a written statement of these facts, and present the same to the Committee at its meeting as aforesaid. The Committee shall then adjourn till another day, and take such measures to have said summons and copy served on the said accused Companion as will enable it to have lawful Masonic information that said summons and copy were served. If at that meeting all reasonable efforts to serve such summons and copy have failed, and no one appears to represent the said accused Companion, the Committee shall take all the testimony offered to sustain the charge or charges, and specifications, and make thereon a report at a stated meeting of the Chapter; whereupon the Chapter may either proceed to act on such report, or postpone action to a stated meeting to be fixed by the Chapter.

If in the meantime no information has been received as to the place of residence of the accused Companion, and there is no reasonable assurance that he can be served with notice, the Chapter shall proceed to act on the report; provided at least two stated meetings of the Chapter have been held between the meeting at which the Committee to try the Companion was appointed, and the stated meeting at which final action is had on the report and finding of the Committee.

If the accused Companion is served with said summons and the copy of the charge or charges, and specifications, as above provided, and the said Companion appears at the meeting of the said Committee, and presents good ground for delay, the Committee may postpone further action to a day, hour, and place certain, of which the said Companion asking for delay shall in writing accept notice, to be filed with the Secretary of the Committee. Notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to all parties and witnesses then known to the Committee. The Secretary of the Committee shall make full and accurate minutes of all these proceedings.

At the next meeting of the Committee, the parties having been notified under the seal of the Chapter, attested by the Secretary, as each and every notice must be attested, both as to the day, hour, and place where the said Committee will meet, the Committee shall proceed to hear all the witnesses for the complainant and for the accused Companion, and reduce their testimony to writing, to be signed by the witnesses.

If persons who are not Freemasons are examined as witnesses, their testimony must be taken by depositions, before an officer authorized by law or appointed by the Committee. Companions testify on their obligations as Freemasons, and others upon oath or affirmation.

After hearing all that may be said by the parties, or a Royal Arch Mason representing either or any of them, each party being allowed a Companion Royal Arch Mason to be present to advise him or them, the Committee shall convene privately, and find as to the said charge or charges, and specifications, and report their finding to the Chapter.

The report of the Committee must conclude with a resolution finding the charge or charges, and specifications, proved or not proved, or proved as to part of the charges, and not proved as to the others, specifying the same.

The accused Companion shall have notice of the stated meeting at which the report is to be made to the Chapter, under seal of the Chapter, attested by the Secretary, and he may be present at such meeting, and shall have the privilege of addressing the Chapter in the case, but shall retire therefrom before action is had.

At such stated meeting the Committee shall make its report, and then the Chapter shall act on the same, as it may deem proper, either at that meeting or the next stated meeting. No further postponement is lawful.

If the resolution of the Committee is rejected in whole or in part, or adopted in whole or in part, the Chapter must by resolution accurately set forth its action thereon.

The penalty to be inflicted for Masonic offences is suspension or expulsion absolutely, and not suspension for any specified period.

In case the accused Companion, or the complainant, shall feel aggrieved by the admission of improper, or the rejection of proper evidence, he may at the time except to the ruling of the Committee (which ruling and exception shall be entered on the minutes of the Committee), and may present his exception to the Chapter in writing, at the time the report of the Committee is made, stating briefly the ruling of the Committee, and the ground of his objections, which is first to

be considered; if the action of the Committee is reversed, the case shall, without vote, be referred back to the Committee for further consideration. In acting upon exceptions, each party may be heard briefly, but general debate shall not be permitted. If the exceptions are not sustained, the Chapter shall proceed to act upon the report.

When the Chapter has finally acted upon the case, the Secretary of the Committee shall hand to the Secretary of the Chapter the minutes of the Committee, copies of the summons, and all the notices served on the Companions, and all the original papers intrusted to him.

The accused Companion must be informed by the High Priest in writing, under the seal of the Chapter, attested by the Secretary, of the final action of the Chapter in his case, from which he may appeal to the Grand Chapter within six months thereafter; and any member of the Chapter, or Companion, who believes that a wrong has been done to the interests of Freemasonry by the action of the Chapter, may likewise appeal to the Grand Chapter within six months thereafter. The appeal, which must conform to the provisions of Article _____, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary.

Charges.

.....A. D.,.....A. I.

To the High Priest, Officers and Companions of.....
Royal Arch Chapter, No. _____ :

The undersigned, a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of.....Royal Arch Chapter, No....., hereby charges Companion....., a Royal Arch Mason (or M. M. M., or M. E. M., as the case may be), and a member of your Chapter, with (here insert in general terms the offence charged, as, 1. Gross unmasonic conduct; or, 2. Conduct unbecoming a Mason; or, 3. Violation of his obligation as a Mason), as is more fully stated in the following specification (or specifications), to wit:

First,.....

Second,.....

Third,.....

Signed,.....

[NOTE.—The specification or specifications must set forth in clear, plain language, as nearly as practicable, the nature of the offence, the time when, and the place where, the same occurred, so that the accused Companion shall be afforded a full opportunity of defending himself. Nothing, however, should be stated that would be improper to be committed to writing.

If the charge is an offence against the criminal law, which has been tried in a civil court, the specification must allege that the Companion has been tried for it, naming the offence.]

Summons.

.....ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No.....
To.....:

COMPANION: Charges and specifications,—of which a certified copy, under the seal of the Chapter, attested by the Secretary, is herewith served on you,—were preferred against you, and filed in said Chapter, and were referred for trial to these Companions, viz.:....., Committee.

You are hereby summoned to appear before said Committee at.....
on the.....day of....., A.D....., A.I.....,
at.....o'clock.....M., of that day, to make answer to said charges, and proceed with the trial thereof.

Witness my hand, and the seal of said Chapter, this.....
day of....., A.D....., A.I.....

[SEAL]

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Attest :
.....
Secretary.

(To be indorsed on the back.)

SUMMONS.

TO

Companion.....

Filed this day of....., A.D....., A.I.....

.....
Secretary of the Committee.

.....ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No.....,
.....A.D....., A.I.....

I hereby certify, that on the.....day of.....
A.D....., A. I....., at the.....in the
State of....., I served on Companion
....., a copy of the within sum-
mons, and a copy of the charges and specifications referred to
therein, certified by the Secretary, under the seal of the Chap-
ter, by delivering to and leaving the same with him (or by
leaving the same at his residence with an adult member of his
family).

.....
Member (or Tyler) of said Chapter.

The accused Companion may, if he chooses, accept service
of the summons by indorsing on the same the following:

.....A.D....., A.I.....

I hereby accept service at.....of the within
summons, and of a certified copy, under the seal of the Chap-
ter, attested by the Secretary, of the charges and specifications
referred to herein, this.....day of.....,
A.D....., A.I.....

.....

Subpœna to Witnesses.

.....ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No.....,
.....A.D....., A.I.....

To.....:

You are hereby notified and required to appear before the
Committee heretofore appointed to try the charges preferred
by Companion.....against Companion.....,
at.....,
on the.....day of....., A.D....., A.I.....,
at.....o'clock.....M., of that day, to testify as a witness
therein, on behalf of said.....

By order of the Committee,

.....
Secretary of the Committee.

(To be indorsed on the back.)

SUBPŒNA.

.....ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No.

.....A.D....., A.I.....

I hereby certify that on the.....day of....., A.D....., A.I....., I served a copy of the within subpœna on....., at....., in the County of....., by delivering to and leaving the same with him (or by leaving the same at his residence with an adult member of his family).

.....
Member (or Tyler) of said Chapter.

Or, if service is accepted,

I hereby accept service of the within subpœna, at..... this.....day of....., A.D....., A.I.....

Report of Committee.

.....A.D....., A.I.....

*To the High Priest, Officers and Companions of.....
Royal Arch Chapter, No.....*

COMPANIONS: Your Committee appointed to try the charge (or charges) preferred against Companion..... on the.....day of....., A.D....., A.I....., having heard all that was offered before them by the parties, do find from the evidence :

On specification	first of charge	first,	} Guilty (or not guilty).
“	“	second “ “	
“	“	third “ “	

(After passing upon each specification to the first charge, add) :

On charge first, guilty (or not guilty).

And they offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That Companion..... is guilty (or not guilty), and recommend that he be expelled (or suspended) from this Chapter (or that the charge or charges be dismissed).

(The same course must be pursued upon the several

specifications to each charge, if there is more than one, and upon each charge.)

The accompanying papers contain the minutes and proceedings of the Committee, and the testimony taken, attested by the signatures of the several witnesses.

.....	} Committee.
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Notice of Filing of Report.

.....ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No.....,
, A.D....., A.I.....

To :

COMPANION: Take notice that the Committee appointed to try the charge (or charges) preferred against you on the..... day of....., A.D....., A.I....., have completed their labors, and will present their report to the Chapter at the stated meeting to be held in the Chapter room, in..... on the..... day of....., A.D....., A.I....., at which time and place you may attend, if you think proper.

Fraternally yours,.

.....
Chairman of the Committee.

[SEAL]

Attest :

.....
Secretary of the Chapter.

(To be indorsed on the back.)

I hereby certify that on the..... day of....., A.D....., A.I....., at....., in the County of....., I served a copy of the within notice on Companion..... by delivering to and leaving the same with him (or by leaving the same at his residence with an adult member of his family).

.....
Secretary of the Committee.

MARK MASTER'S SONG

Mark Masters all appear
 Before the Chief O'erseer,
 In concert move;
 Let him your work inspect,
 For the Chief Architect;
 If there be no defect,
 He will approve.

You who have passed the square,
 For your rewards prepare,
 Join heart and hand;
Each with his mark in view,
 March with the just and true;
 Wages to you are due,
 At your command.

HIRAM, the widow's son,
 Sent unto Solomon
 Our great keystone,
 On it appears the name
 Which raises high the fame
 Of all, to whom the same
 Is truly known.

Now to the westward move,
 Where full of strength and love,
 HIRAM doth stand;
 But if imposters are
 Mixed with the worthy there,
Caution them to beware
 Of the right hand.

Now, to the praise of those
 Who triumphed o'er the foes
 Of masons' arts;
 To the praiseworthy three,
 Who founded this degree;
 May all their virtues be
 Deep in our hearts.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER'S SONG

All hail to the morning,
 That bids us rejoice,
 The temple's completed,
 Exalt high each voice,
 The capstone is finished.
 Our labor is o'er;
 The sound of the gavel
 Shall hail us no more.
 To the Power Almighty, who ever has guided
 The tribes of old Israel, exalting their fame
 To Him, who hath govern'd our hearts undivided,
 Let's send forth our voices to praise His great name.

Companions assemble
 On this joyful day,
 (The occasion is glorious),
 The keystone to lay;
 Fulfill'd is the promise
 By the ANCIENT OF DAYS,
 To bring forth the capstone,
 With shouting and praise.
 There's no more occasion for level or plumb line,
 For trowel or gavel, for compass or square;
 Our works are completed, the ark safely seated,
 And we shall be greeted as workmen most rare.

Now those that are worthy,
 Our toils who have shar'd
 And proved themselves faithful,
 Shall meet their reward.
 Their virtue and knowledge,
 Industry and skill,
 Have our approbation
 Have gained our good-will.
 We accept and receive them Most Excellent Masters,
 Invested with honors, and power to preside,
 Among worthy craftsmen, wherever assembled,
 The knowledge of Masons to spread far and wide.

SOLO. { ALMIGHTY JEHOVAH!
 Descend now and fill
 This Lodge with thy glory,
 Our hearts with good-will!
 Preside at our meetings
 Assist us to find
 True pleasure in teaching
 Good-will to mankind.

Thy *wisdom* inspired the great institution,
 Thy *strength* shall support it till nature expire;
 And when the creation shall fall into ruin,
 Its *beauty* shall rise through the midst of the fire.

DIGEST OF DECISIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER AND GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Affiliation.

An unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason can petition for membership to any Chapter in any jurisdiction that he may select.
1884.

Ballot.

Neither the Grand High Priest nor the Grand Chapter can interfere with the right of ballot. If a member uses the black ball unjustly he is subject to Masonic charge and trial.
1890.

Chapter Hall

It is not lawful for the Chapter Hall to be used for social purposes. Nor can the Chapter as such hold a meeting anywhere at which there are present any except Royal Arch Masons.
1905.

Conferring Degrees.

It is required that three Royal Arch Masons shall be present to open a Chapter. The degree cannot be conferred unless six Royal Arch Masons are present. The warrant must, in every case, be present.
1884.

The Grand High Priest has power to confer the Capitular degrees upon an applicant without the formal method of a report from a Committee of Inquiry and a ballot.
1884.

All degrees must be conferred in full.
1888.

High Priests are forbidden from abridging any of the lectures in the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry. A custom prevails in some Chapters to omit parts of lectures, particularly in the Royal Arch degree, which custom must cease.
1894.

Conferring Degrees out of Time.

A Chapter having in two instances conferred degrees on petitioners twelve and fifteen months respectively after the limit of time prescribed by the Constitution, the Grand High Priest refused to heal the irregularities, and directed the names of the petitioners to be stricken from the roll of members.

1889.

If an approved petitioner presents himself within six months and cannot receive the degrees by reason of there being no meeting of the Chapter, the degrees can be conferred upon him at the next meeting thereafter.

1893.

Debt

Money subscribed and paid to assist in the formation of a New Chapter (such money being used exclusively for Masonic Purposes) cannot be credited on dues or Life Membership. A Chapter must be constituted free of debt; hence all subscriptions must be treated as gifts or voluntary contributions.

1907.

Election

A Chapter cannot elect one of its members to office whose permanent residence is outside of this Jurisdiction.

1872.

A vote cast, if even in error, at an election of officers cannot be changed after the ballot has been declared closed.

1884.

An application of a Chapter for a dispensation to hold an election to elect a certain Companion as High Priest cannot be granted. The right of Companions to elect whom they please cannot be abridged. A dispensation can be issued to hold an election and to fill vacancies that may be caused by such election.

1893.

Funds

The Funds of a Chapter cannot be used to defray the expenses for refreshments for a mixed Company.

1905.

Installation.

All elective officers must be installed annually, no matter how many times they have been re-elected.

1892.

Jurisdiction.

Distance from the residence of a petitioner to the nearest Chapter must be measured on a straight line, without regard to roads or lines of communication.

An applicant is at liberty to petition any Chapter within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter. The inquiry as to Masonic objection to a Chapter receiving the petition is one merely as to the petitioner being *under the tongue of good Masonic report*, and as to his character as a man and a Mason.

A Chapter objecting on grounds of Jurisdiction acts contrary to the Constitution and the decisions of the Grand Chapter. 1888.

The action of a Chapter in conferring Capitular degrees upon a candidate who resided near another Chapter, without asking that Chapter if it had any Masonic objection to acting upon the petition, is null and void.

It is an axiom in Pennsylvania that where a man has been made a Mason without a strict compliance with the law, his making is illegal. 1890.

Permission to waive Jurisdiction in the case of an applicant who has been rejected in a Chapter in this Jurisdiction, and who desired to present a petition to a Chapter in another Jurisdiction, was refused until the objection was first removed by the objecting Chapter.

Permission was granted to Chapters in other Jurisdictions to receive and act upon the petitions of residents of Pennsylvania when properly qualified; but in case the applicant was a member of a Lodge in this Jurisdiction, and had not passed the chair according to our usage, permission was refused.

1891, 1893.

A Chapter cannot grant permission to a Chapter of another Jurisdiction to receive and act upon a petition from a resident of its immediate vicinity, but must, on the receipt of a communication asking such permission, forward the same to the Grand High Priest, who alone has power to act in such a case.

1893.

Marks

The Mark must be recorded in the Mark Lodge in which the brother has received the degree of Mark Master Mason, and within the time specified. 1884.

All Mark Master Masons are required to adopt and record their marks with the Secretary of their Lodge or Chapter within four months from the date of receiving the Mark Master's degree. 1886.

The Signers to a petition for a Warrant for a new Chapter must present with the Petition copies of their Marks, they necessarily seeking membership in a New Chapter. 1908.

Meetings

A Chapter having decided not to omit the stated meetings in July and August, such meetings cannot be dispensed with at the will and pleasure of the High Priest. 1889.

Membership in Grand Chapter.

When a Companion who holds his membership in Grand Chapter, in accordance with Article III., Section 1, Paragraph IV. of the Constitution, voluntarily or otherwise, loses his membership in a Subordinate Chapter, and thereby loses his membership in Grand Chapter, and afterwards desires to regain his membership in Grand Chapter, he can only do so by affiliating with a Subordinate Chapter in this Jurisdiction, and by application to the Grand Chapter, and by admission thereto by a majority vote, such vote to be taken "Viva Voce." 1886.

Minutes.

Communications under seal, from the Grand Chapter, Grand High Priest, or the Grand Secretary must be spread in full upon the minutes. The Chapter or Lodge has no control over said Communications therefore a motion concerning the same is not permissible. 1896.

Officers.

No Companion can hold more than one elective office in a Subordinate Chapter at the same time; but the Treasurer or the Secretary (if a Past High Priest) may be elected its Representative, or the High Priest may be elected to fill a vacancy. 1895.

Objections.

An objection in writing cannot be filed with the Secretary of a Chapter against a person whose petition is not in the possession of the Chapter. 1890.

Petitions.

If a Chapter or a Lodge acts on a petition for the degrees and membership, or for membership only, before receiving a reply from the Grand Secretary as is required in Section 12 of Article XVII. of the Constitution, the name of such petitioner shall be stricken from the rolls of members. 1884.

A petition cannot be withdrawn after a favorable report and ballot thereon. 1874.

Physical Qualifications

A Brother who has lost the thumb and all the fingers of his right hand cannot receive the Capitular degrees. 1887.

A petitioner who has been rejected by an unfavorable report on account of physical disqualifications, cannot petition another Chapter for the degrees. 1889.

The loss of the left hand is a disqualification for the Capitular Degrees. 1890.

The loss of a leg disqualifies a Master Maçon for advancement. 1894.

Physical perfection is a Landmark. It has existed from time immemorial.

The history and symbolism of the Royal Arch Degree demand physical perfection to the fullest extent. I therefore decide that the same physical perfection required of the candidate to be made a Mason is required for the Capitular Degrees. 1906.

Recommender

A Companion recommending a petitioner for membership must, by examination or proper avouchment, ascertain if the Petitioner has received all the Capitular Degrees, required by the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. 1909.

Recommender

A Companion recommending a petitioner for Degrees and Membership must have Masonic information that the applicant is a Master Mason and has been passed to the Chair. A recommendation, without such knowledge, is a Masonic Offence. 1909.

Representatives.

A High Priest can be Representative of his Chapter, but his election must be subsequent to his installation as High Priest (to fill a vacancy). He cannot be elected High Priest and Representative at the same meeting. 1894.

Resignations

A Chapter cannot refuse to receive the resignation of a member who has paid all his dues and against whom no charge is pending. 1884.

An officer of a Chapter cannot resign his office or membership: he having obligated himself to serve for the Masonic year. 1894.

Restoration.

Restoration to membership of a suspended Royal Arch Mason, either in his Chapter or Mark Lodge, does not restore the official relation which may have existed in either body at the time of suspension. Office can be again acquired only by election or appointment. 1896.

A Chapter should not restore a Companion suspended for non-payment of dues to good Masonic standing, and subsequently restore him to membership under the provision of Article XVIII., Section 4.

Restoration to membership *includes* good Masonic standing and one restored to good Masonic standing only, can be subsequently admitted to membership only upon petition and ballot. 1897.

Stated Meetings.

Refused an application of a Chapter to hold a Stated Meeting and elect officers upon a day other than that fixed by its By-Laws (Christmas). I considered it a dangerous precedent to establish. 1893.

Summons.

A summons is not intended to be used as a means of collecting debts. The right to summon is within the province of the Chapter or Mark Lodge, and is too important a process to be used except in extreme cases, and when so used should be rigidly enforced.

1884.

Suspensions.

In the case of the suspension and taking up of the warrant of a Lodge by order of the Grand Master, it was decided that as the Master Masons were suspended, the members of the Chapter who were members of the suspended Lodge were suspended in their rights as Royal Arch Masons.

1890.

Vails

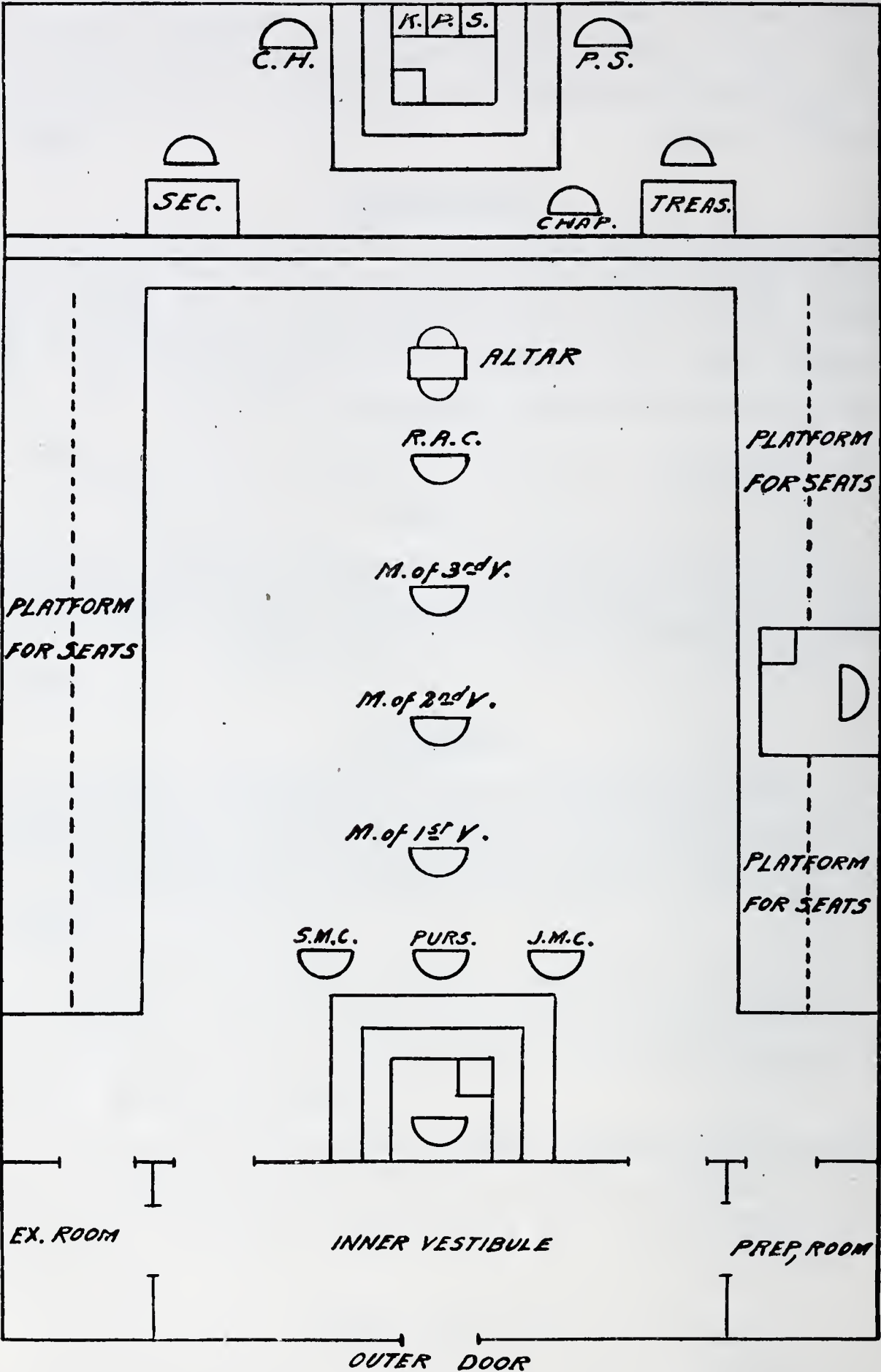
The Chapter Hall being a representation of the Tabernacle, the Vails must reach from wall to wall. It is not permitted to erect a Tabernacle within the Chapter walls.

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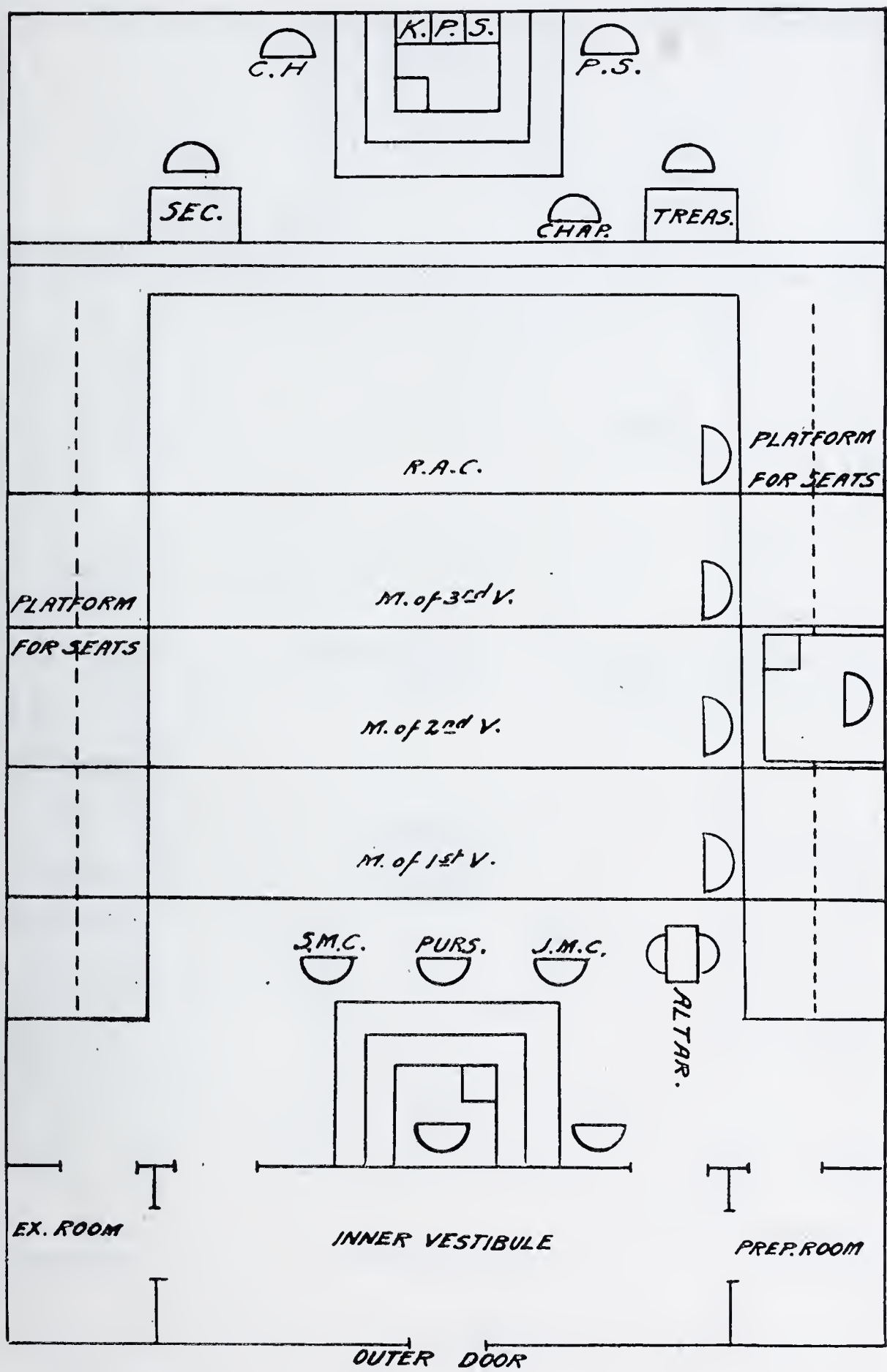
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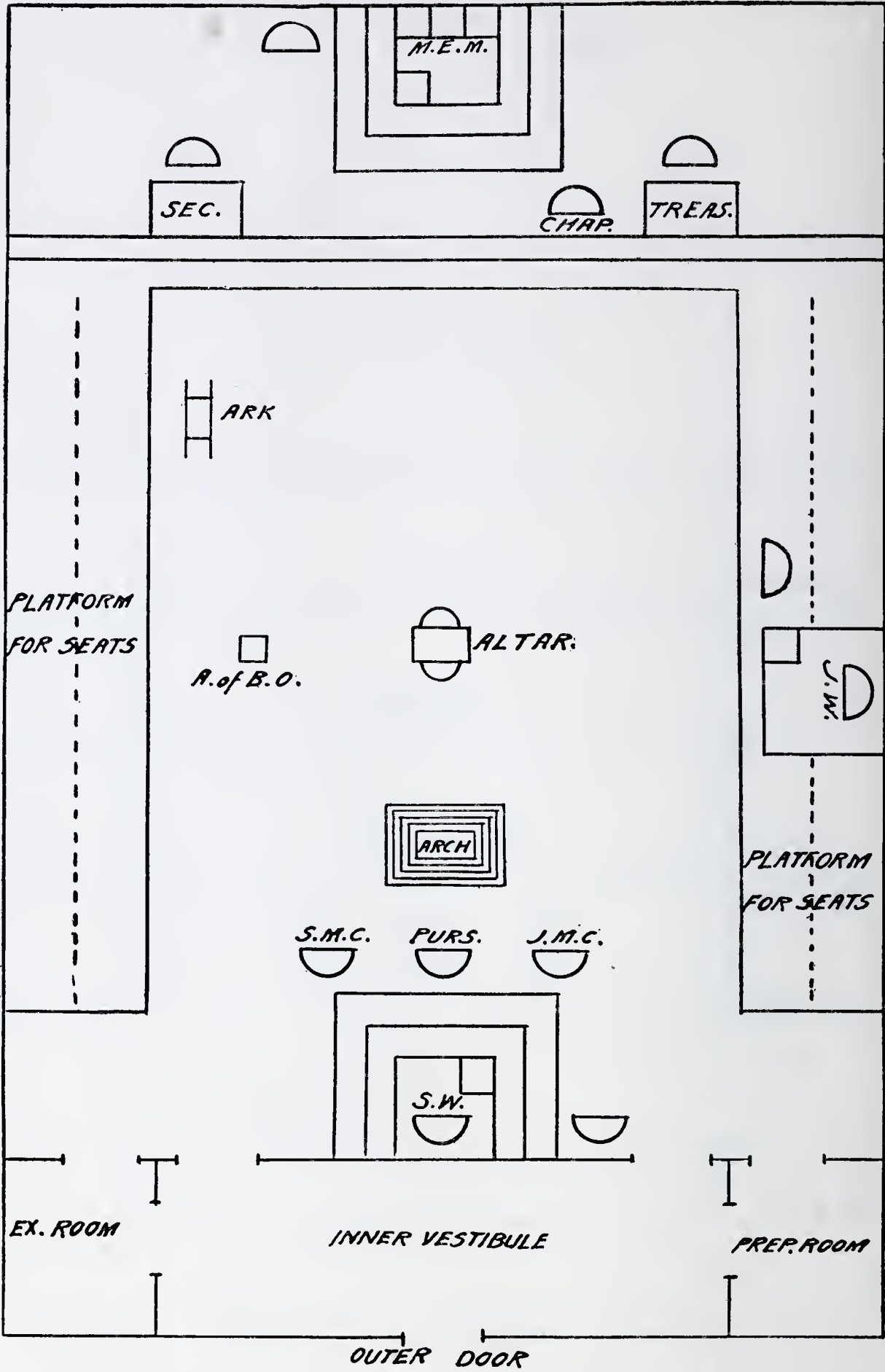
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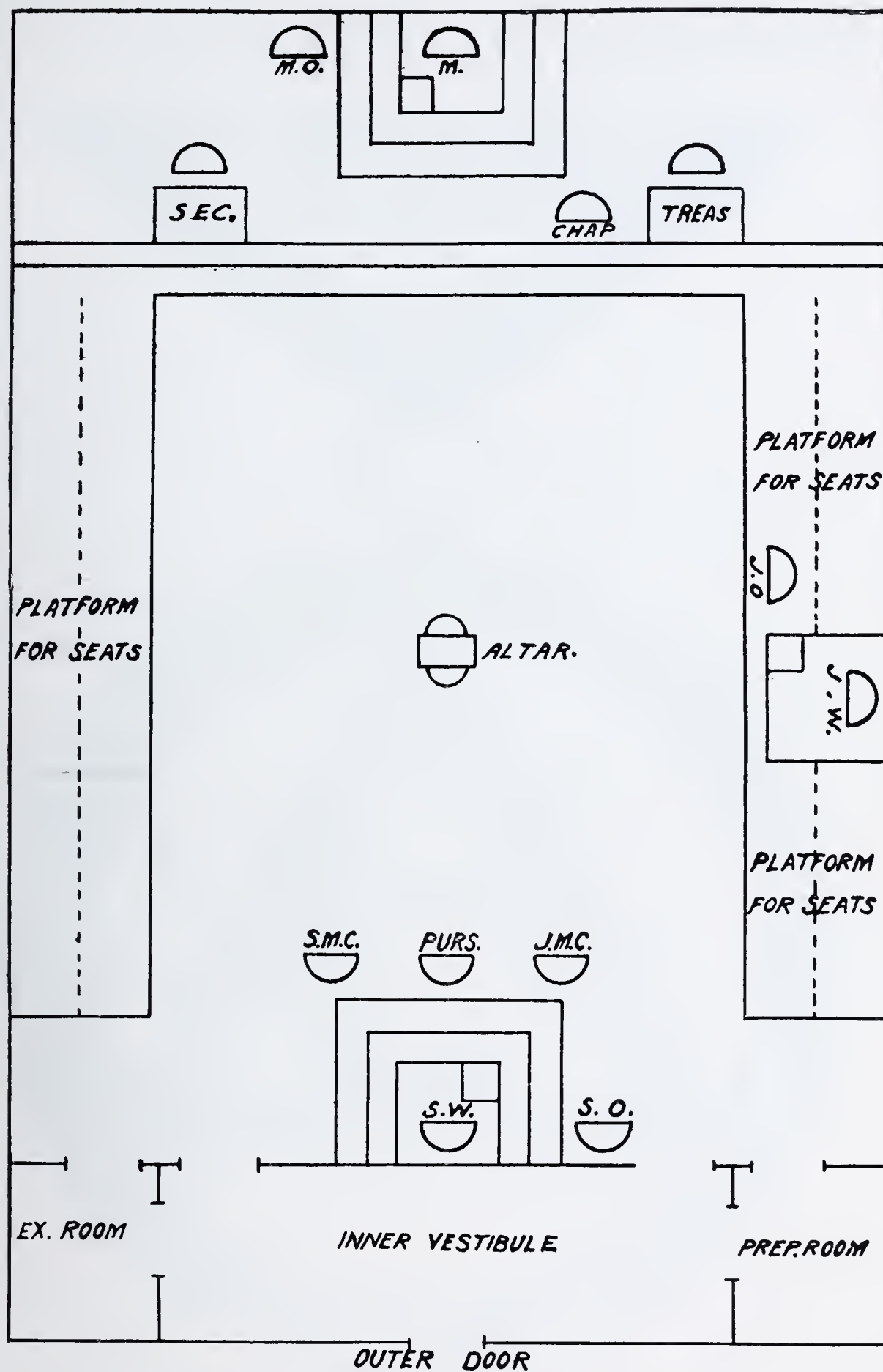
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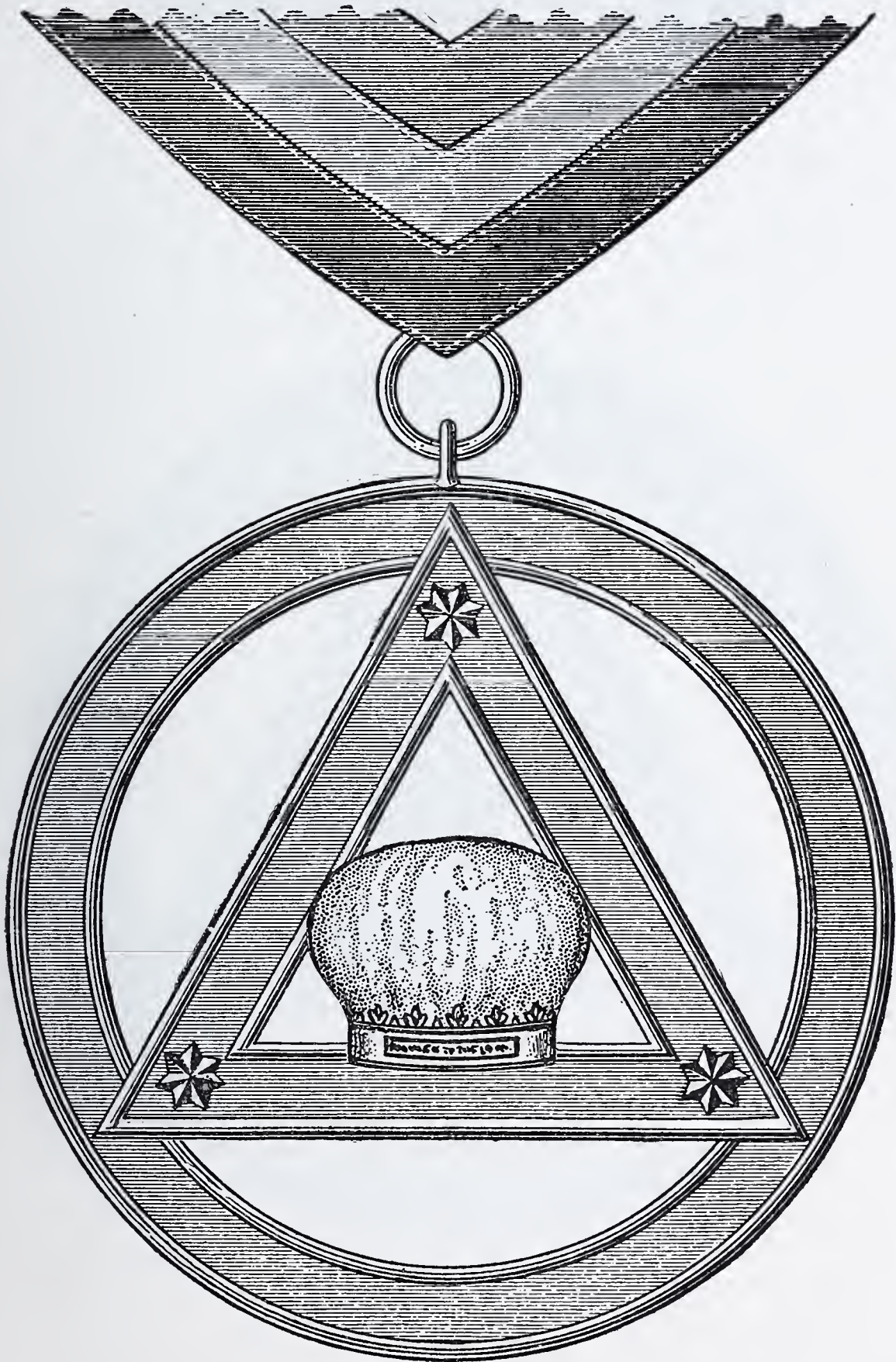
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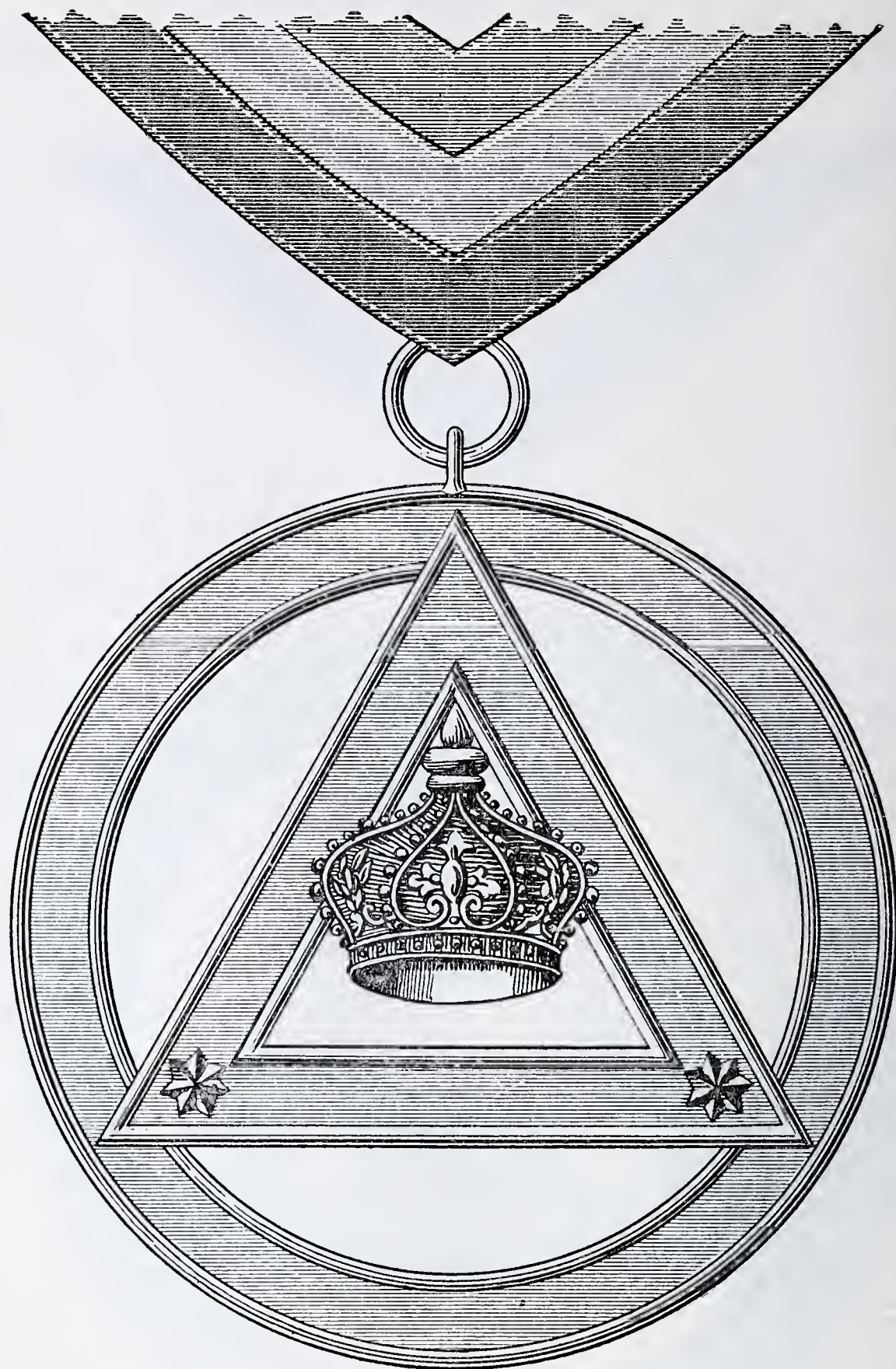
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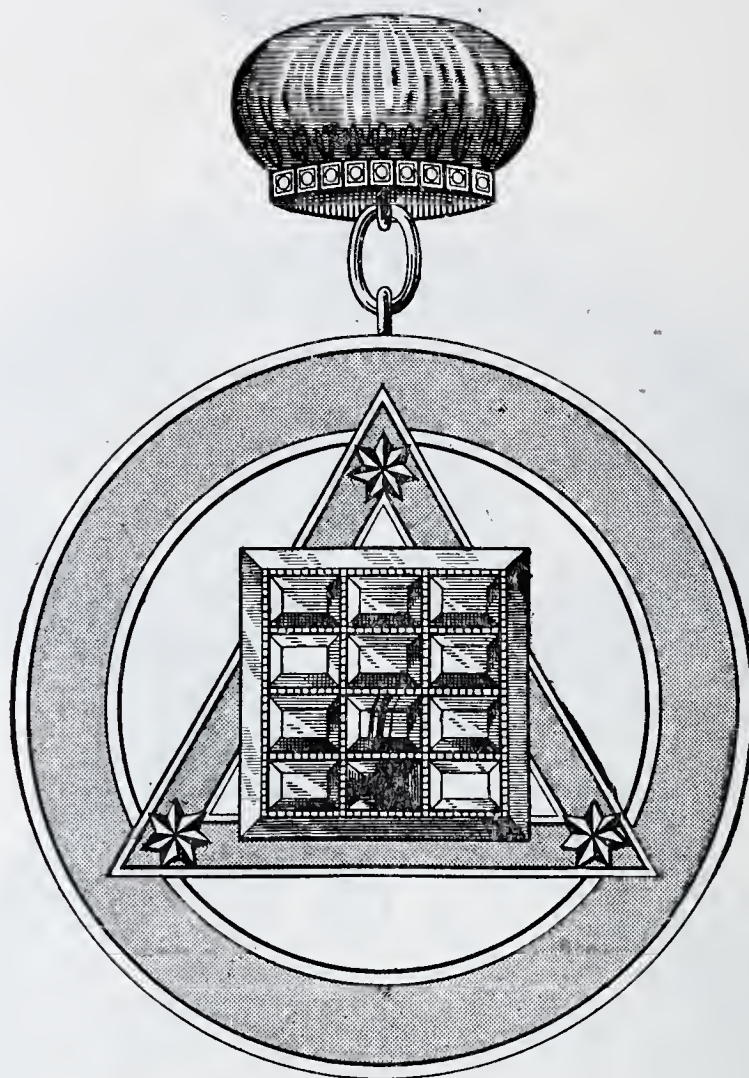
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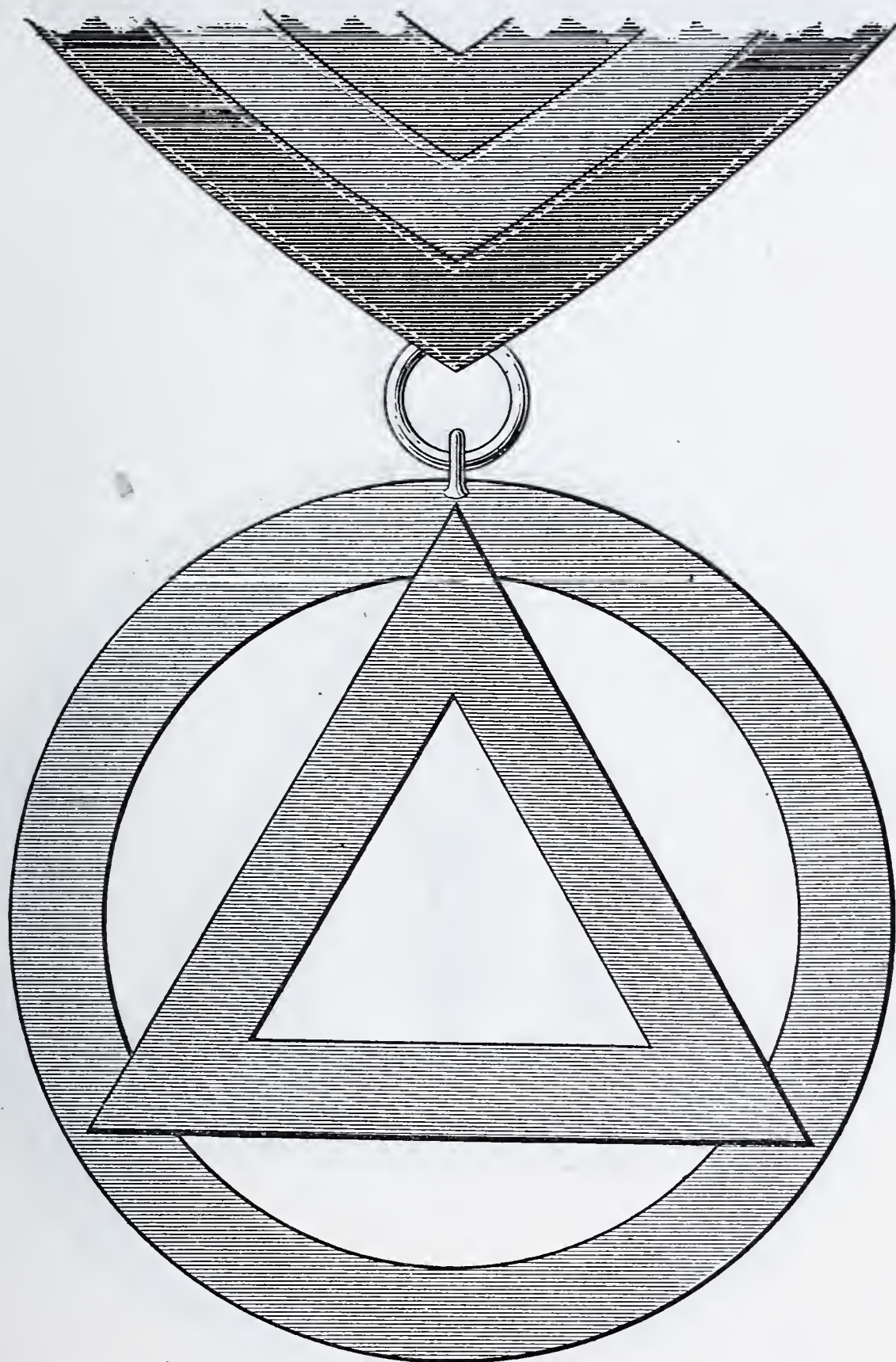
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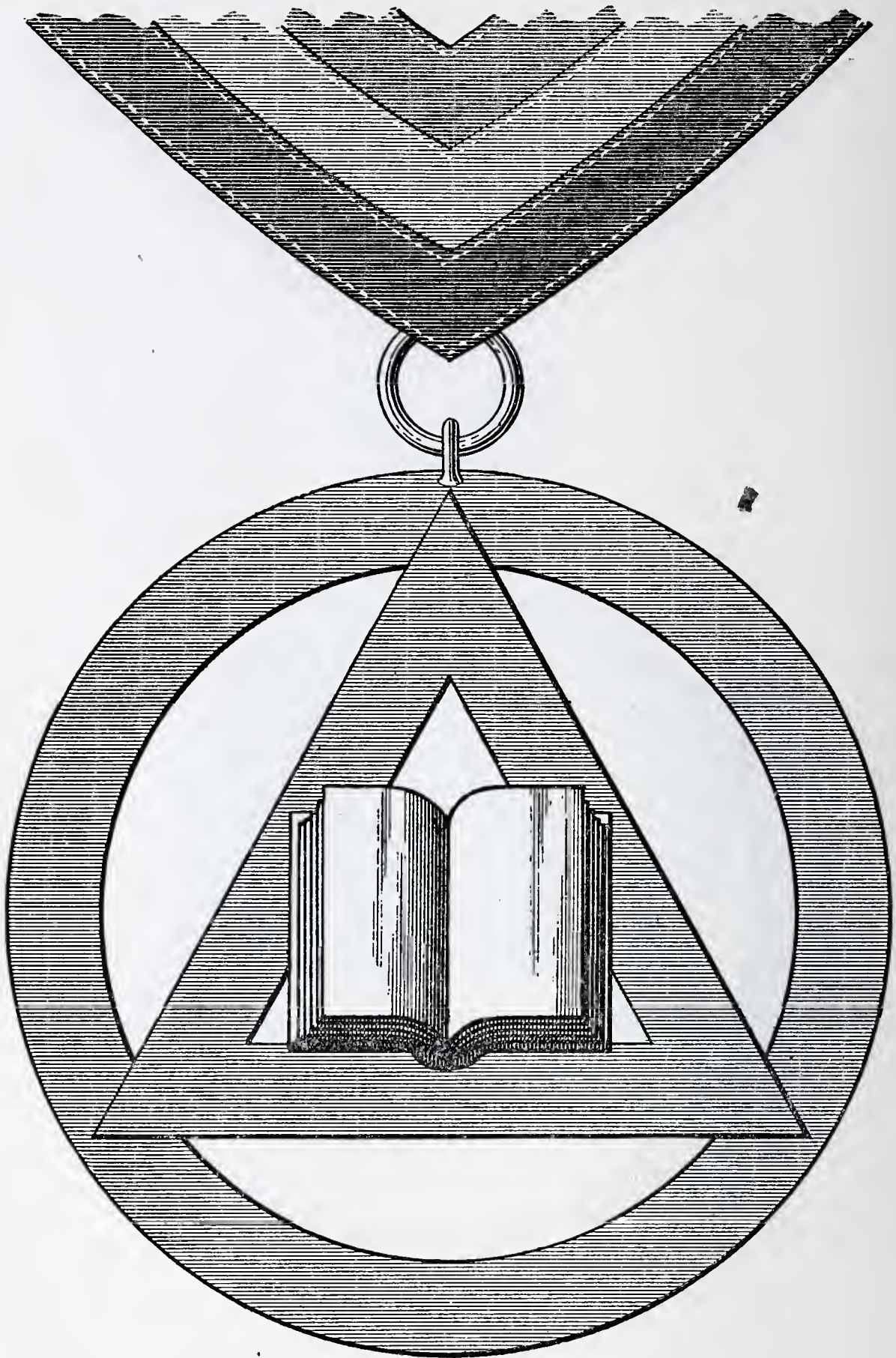
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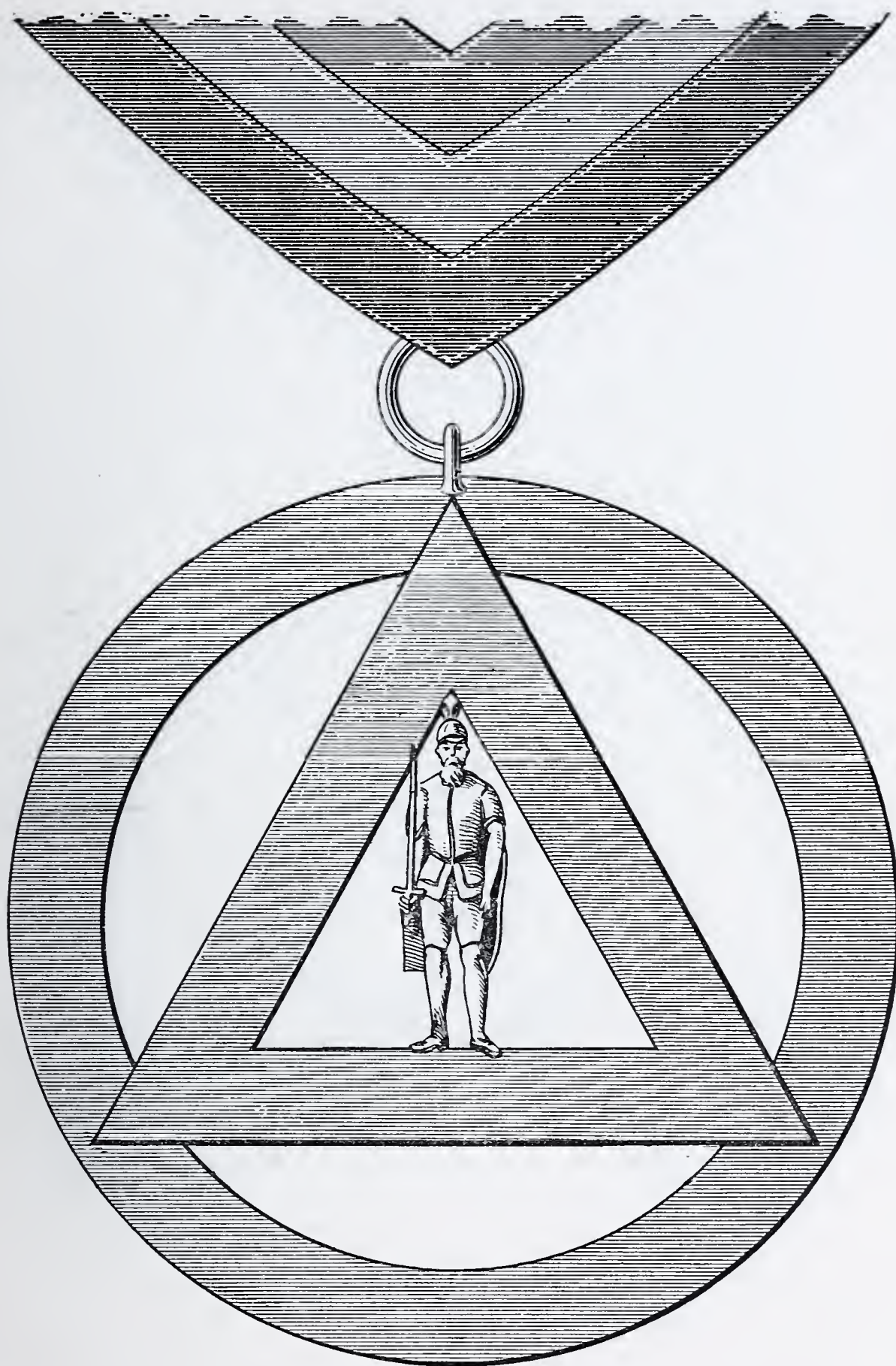
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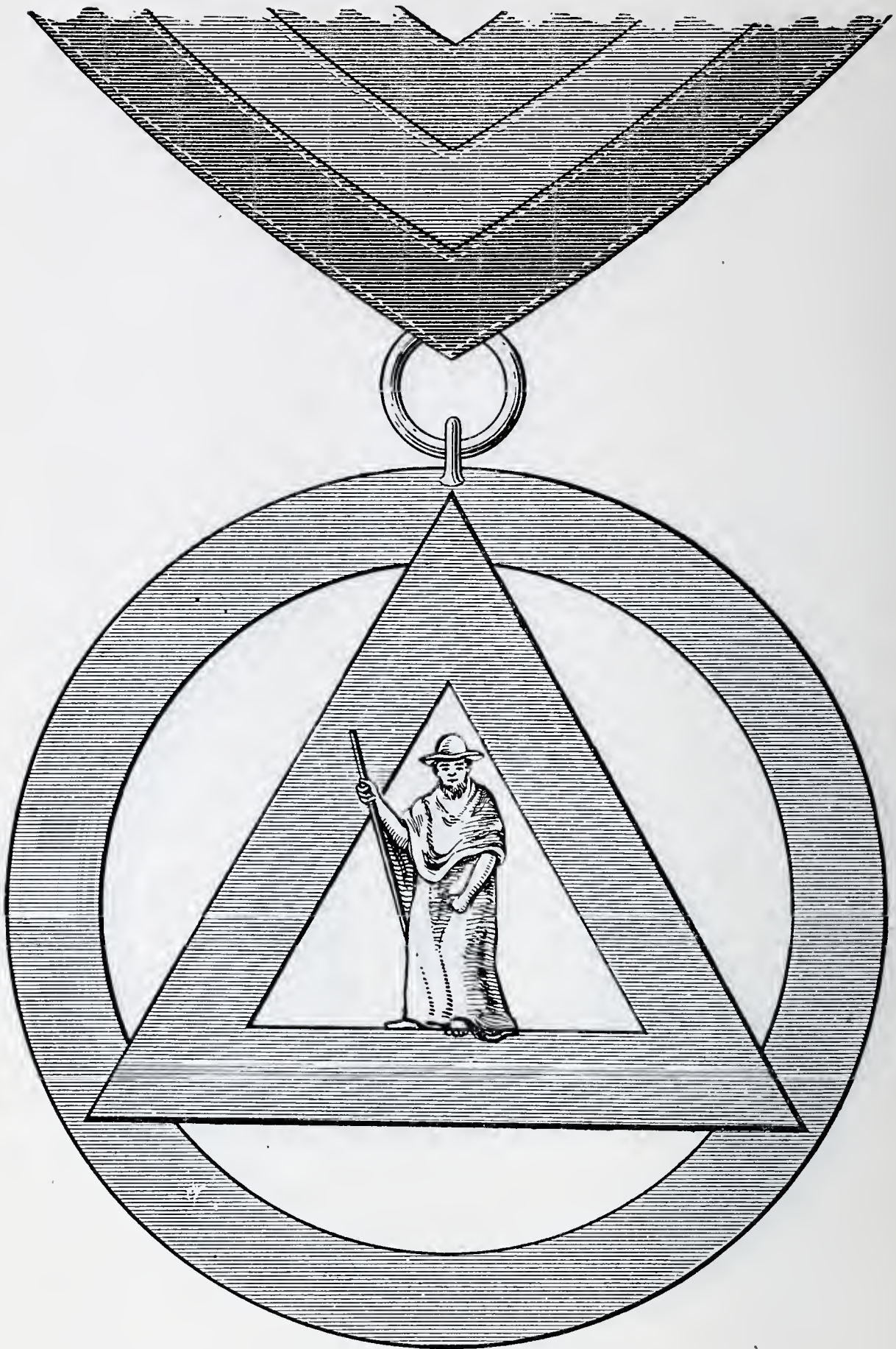
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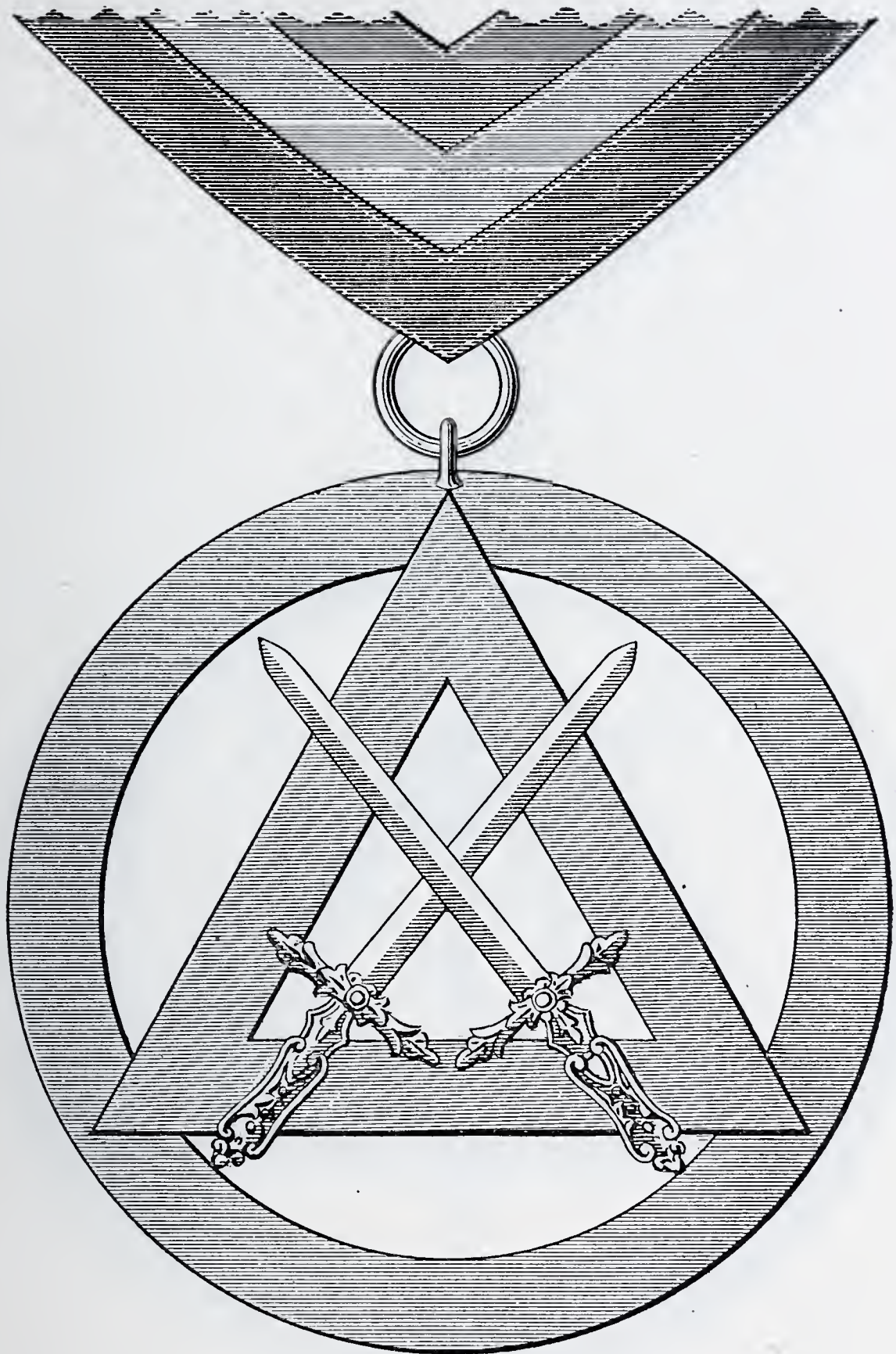
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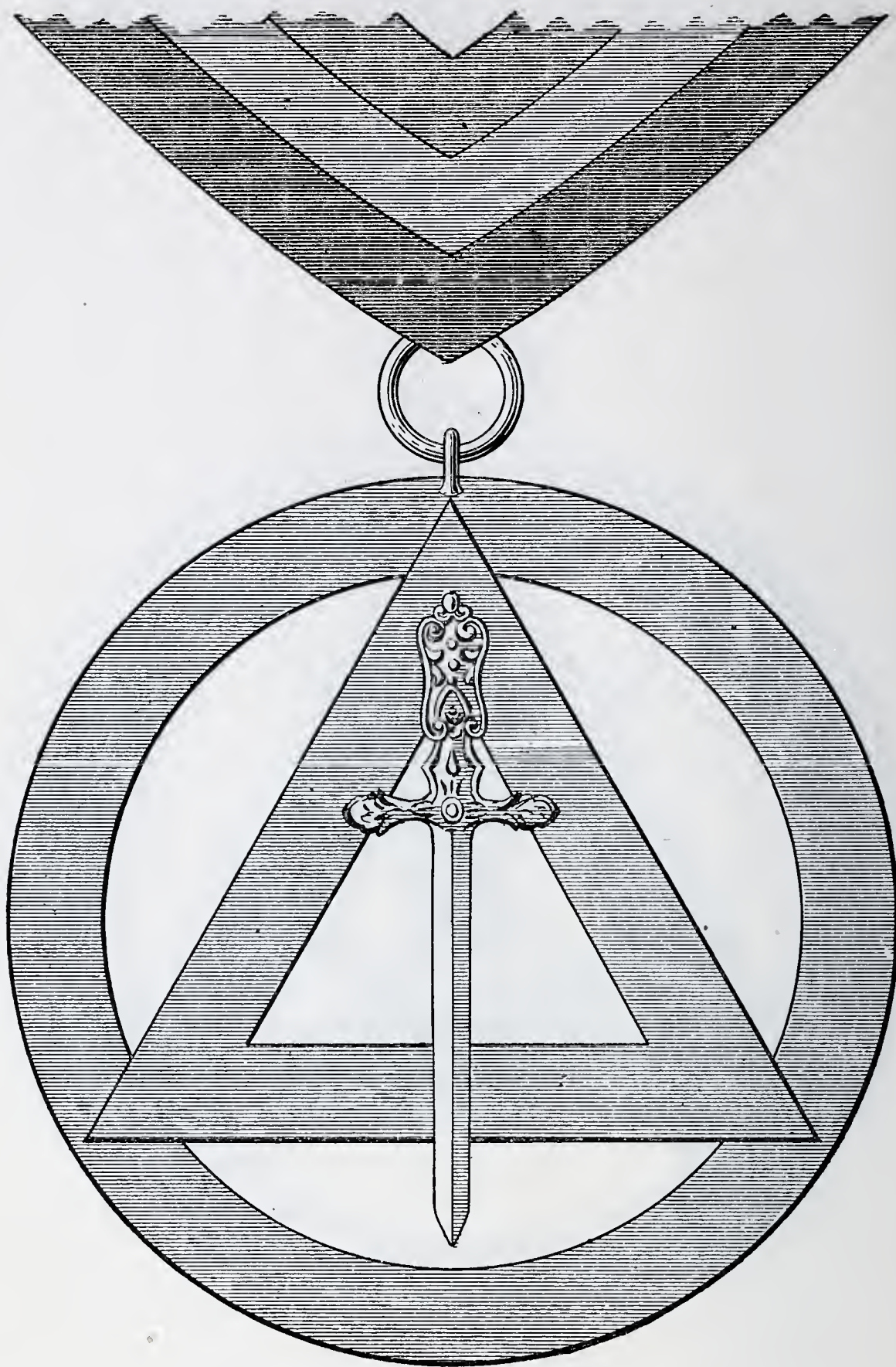
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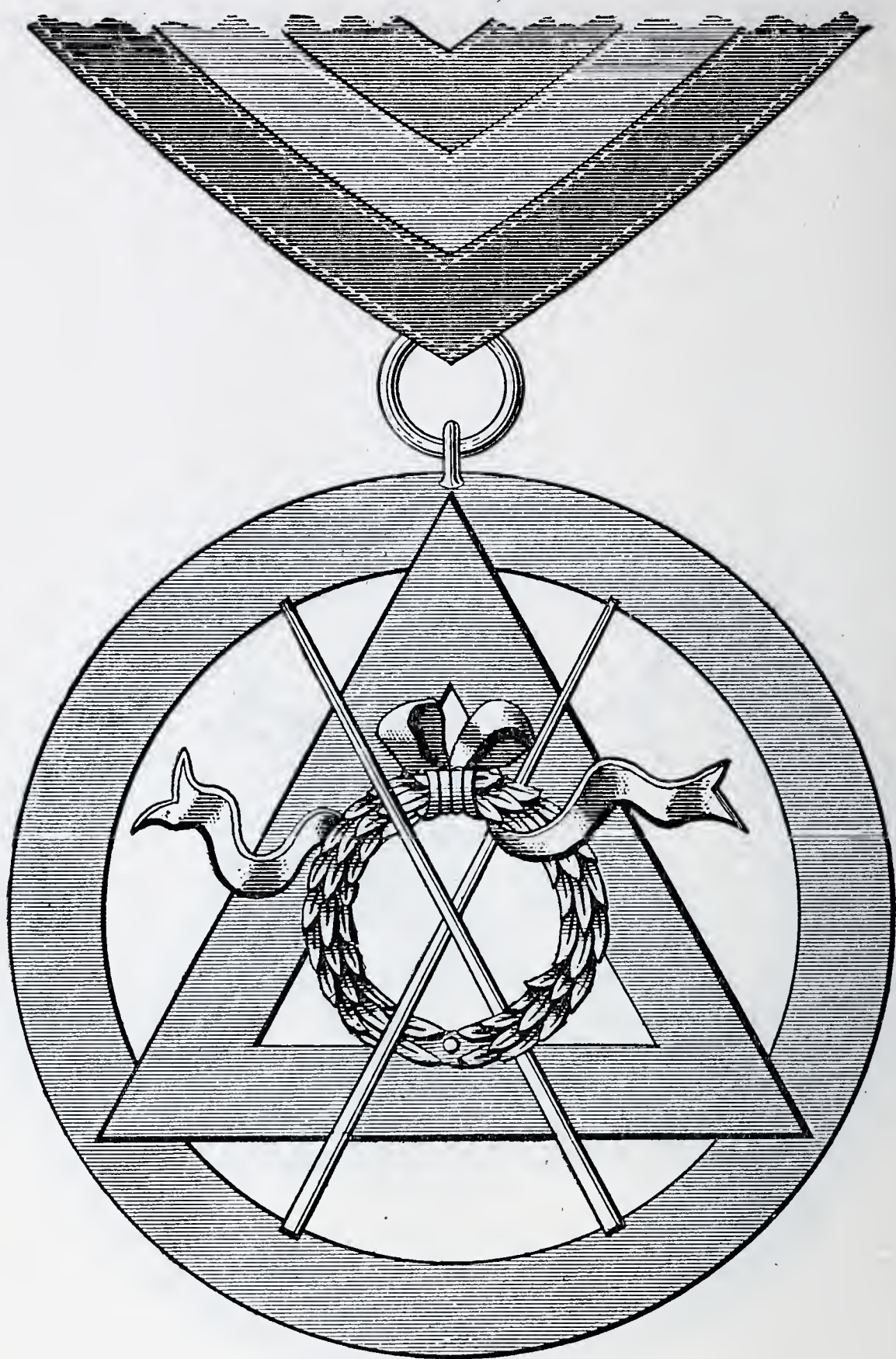
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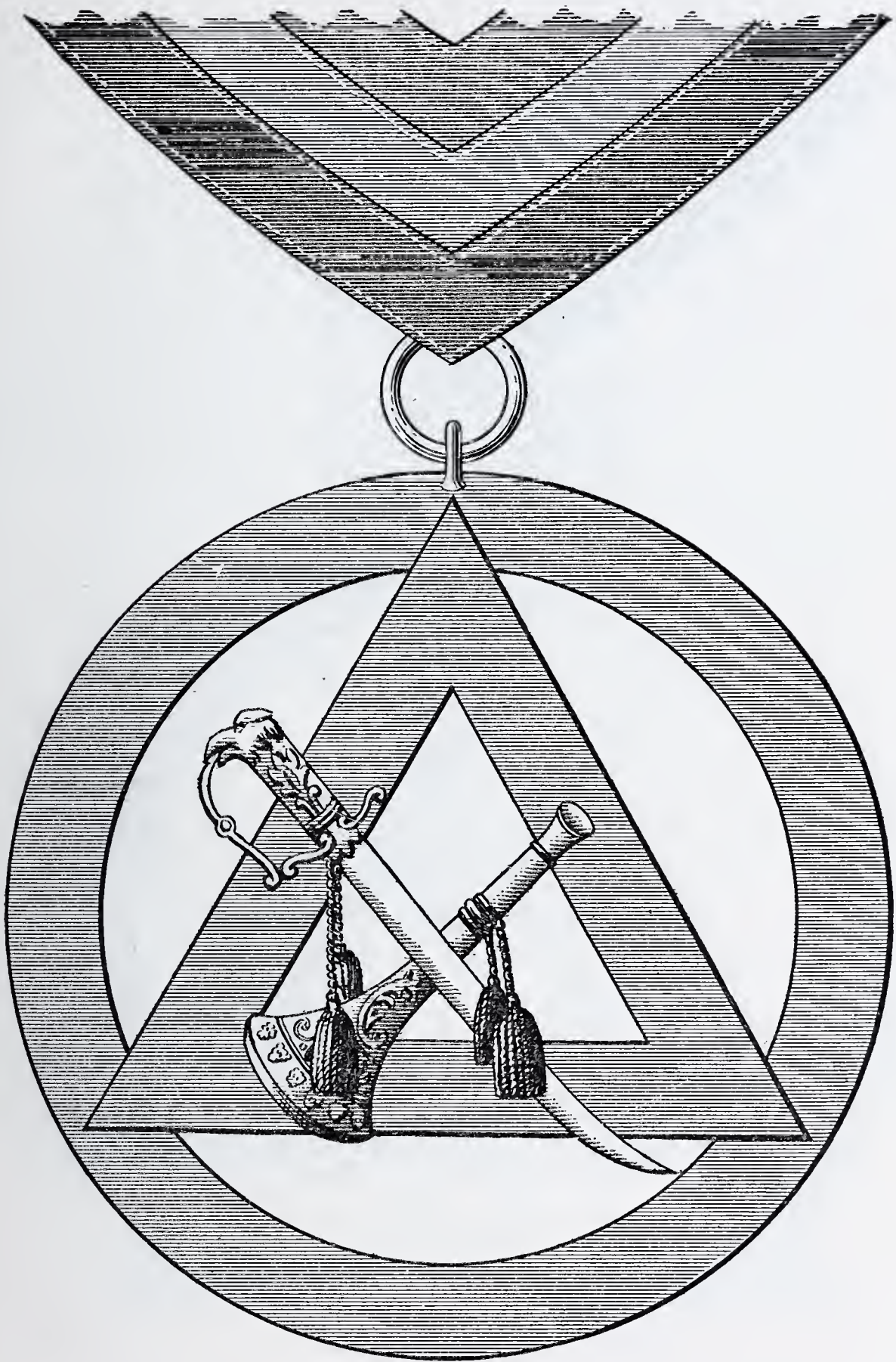
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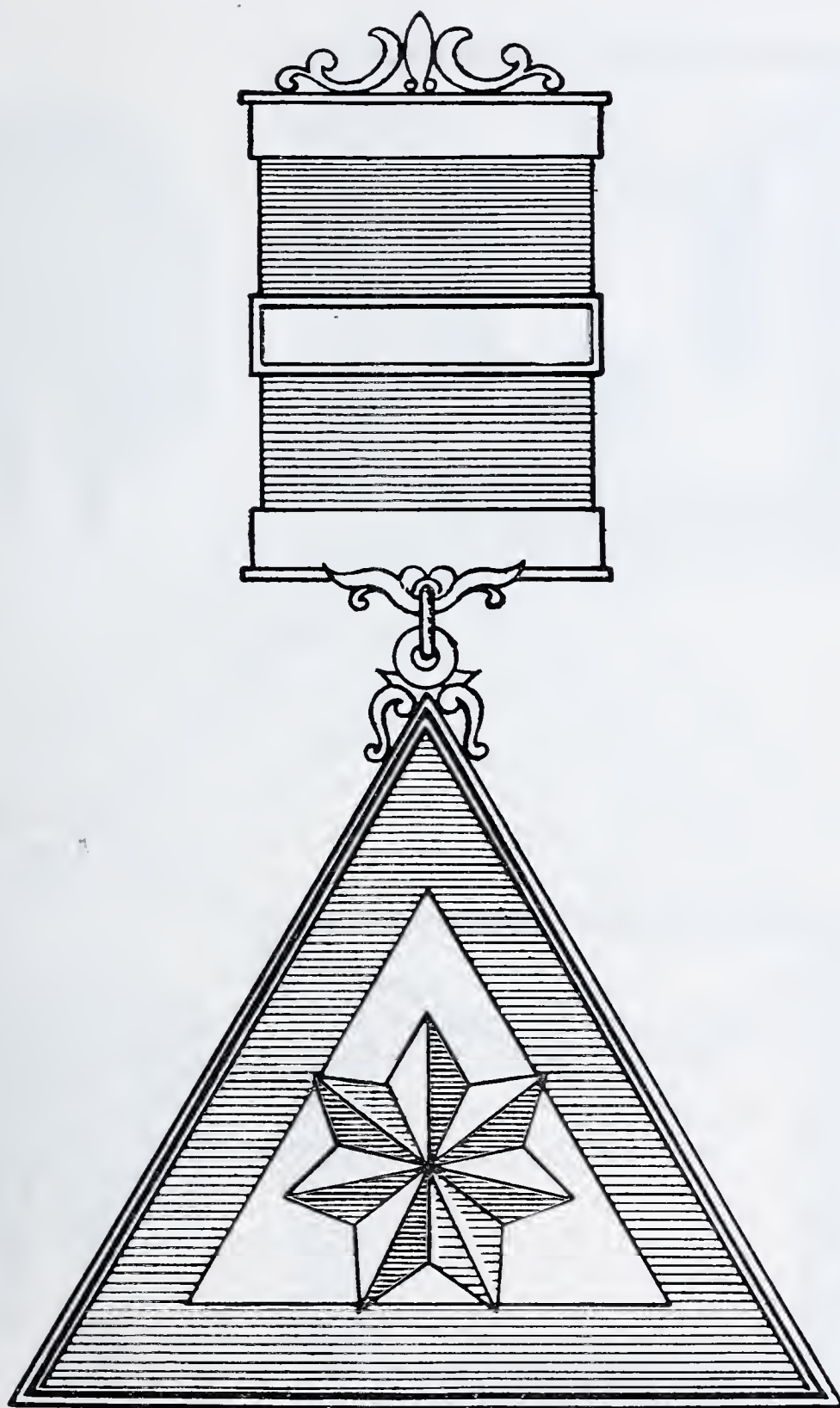
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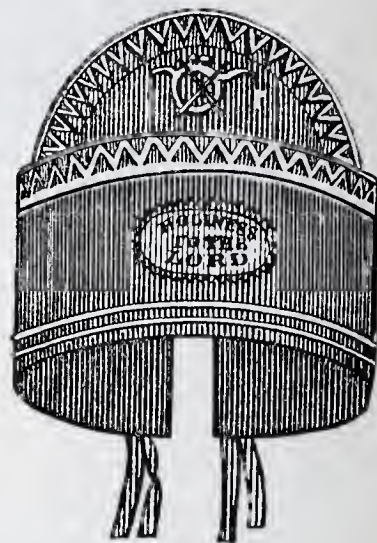
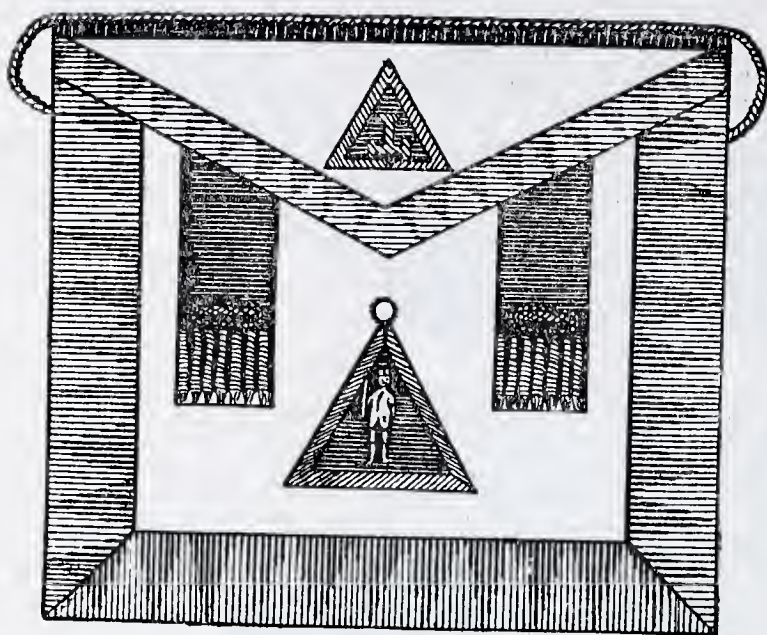
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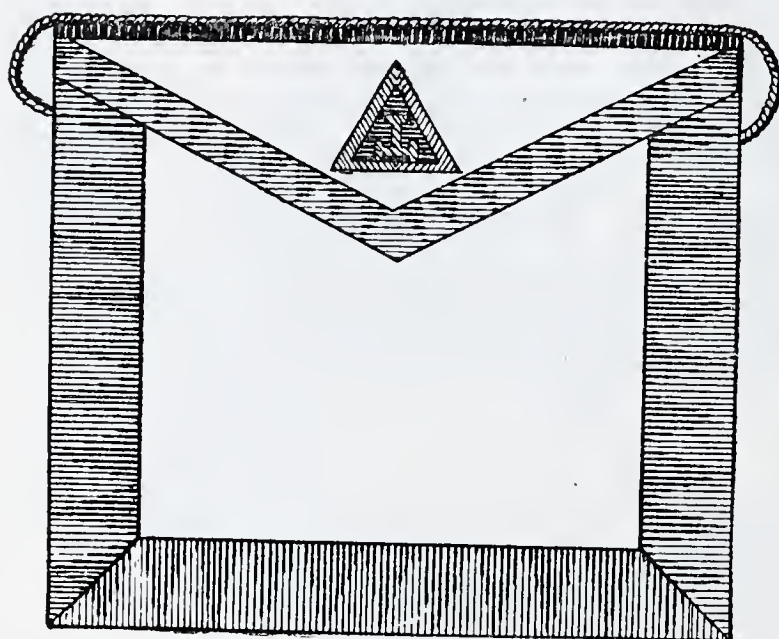
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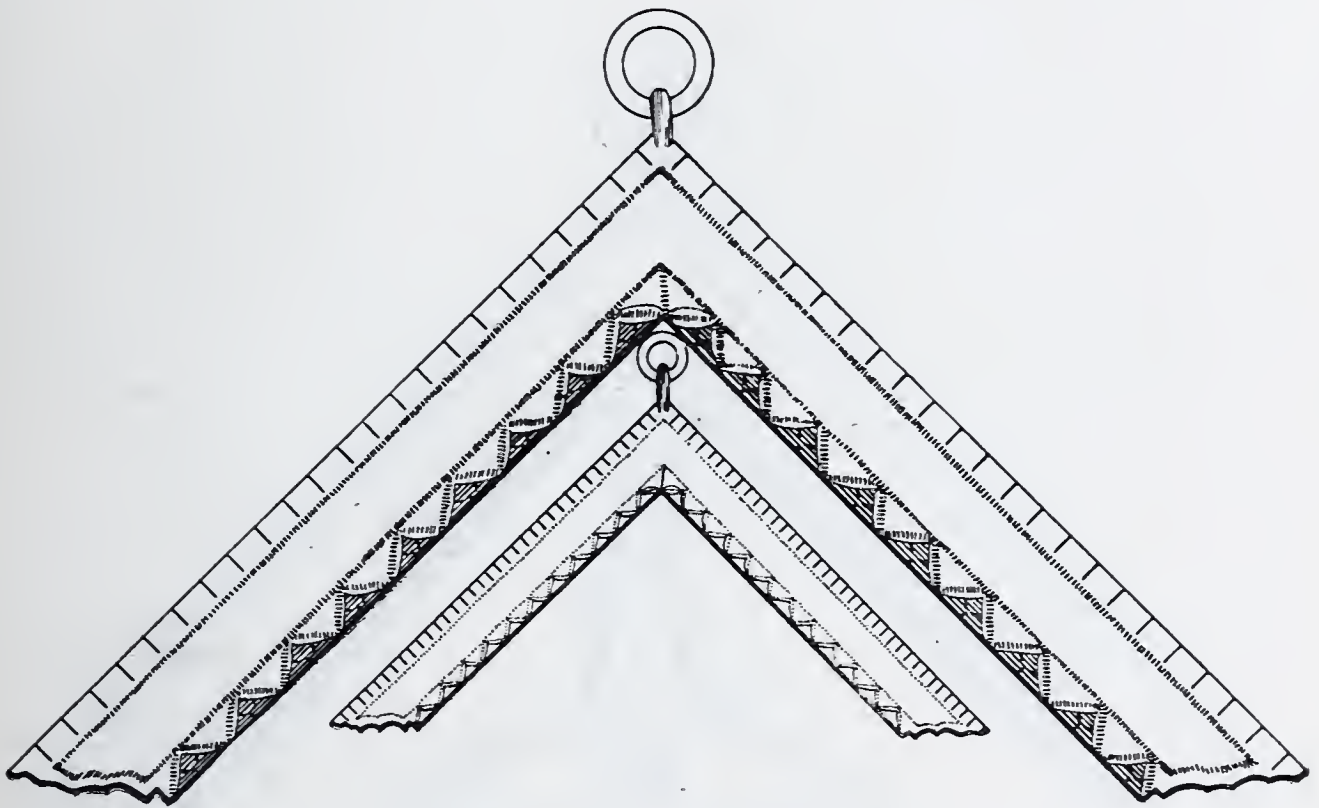
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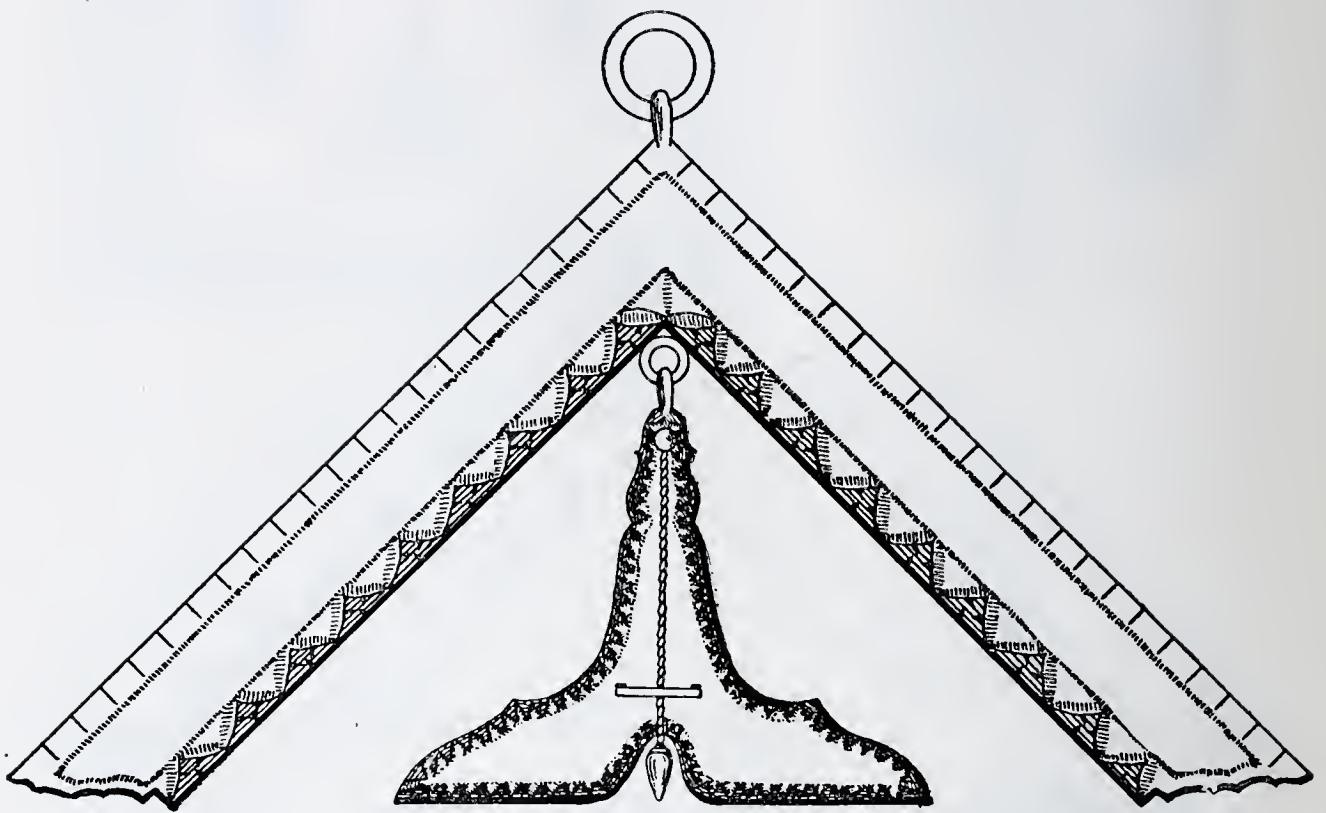
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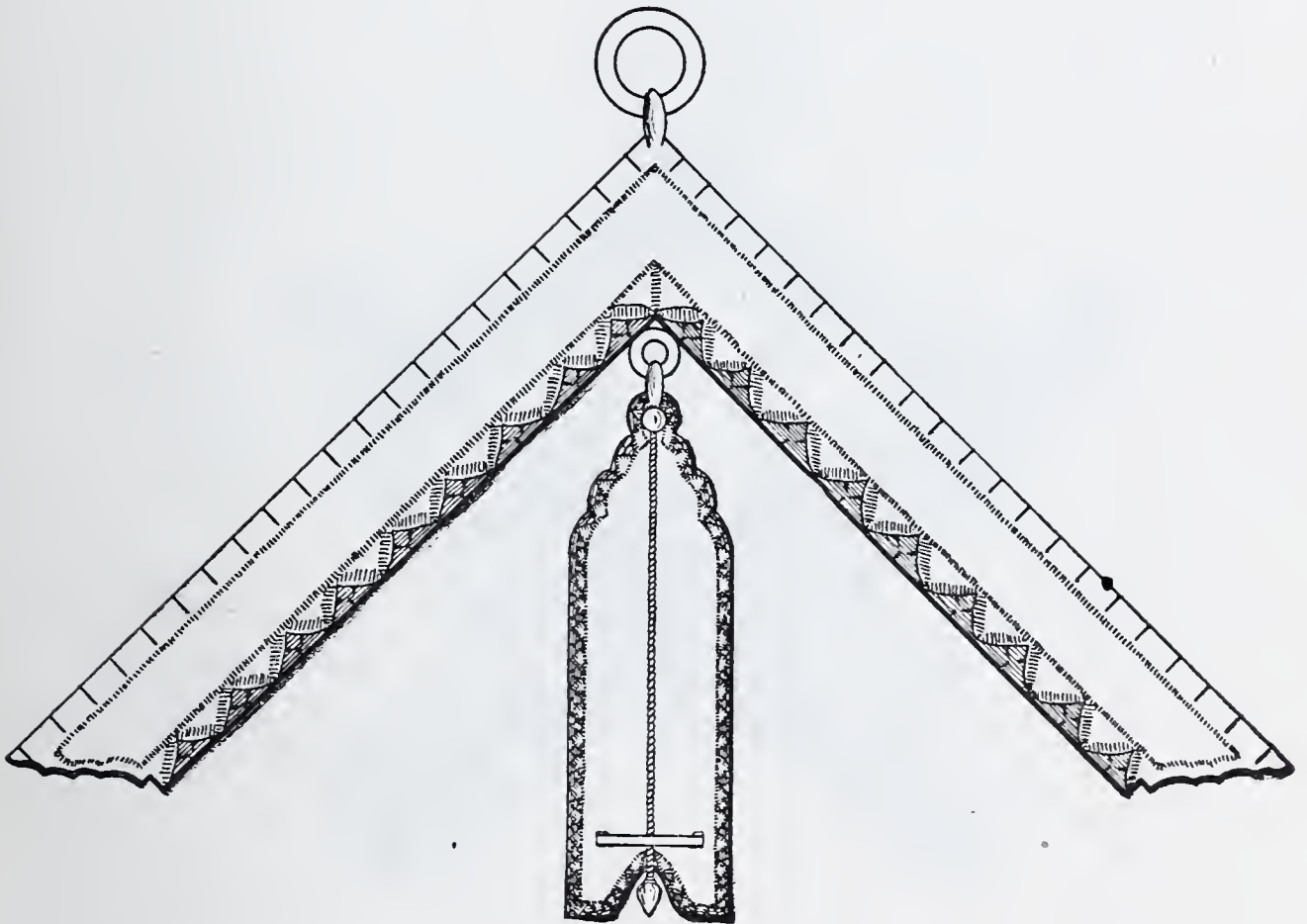
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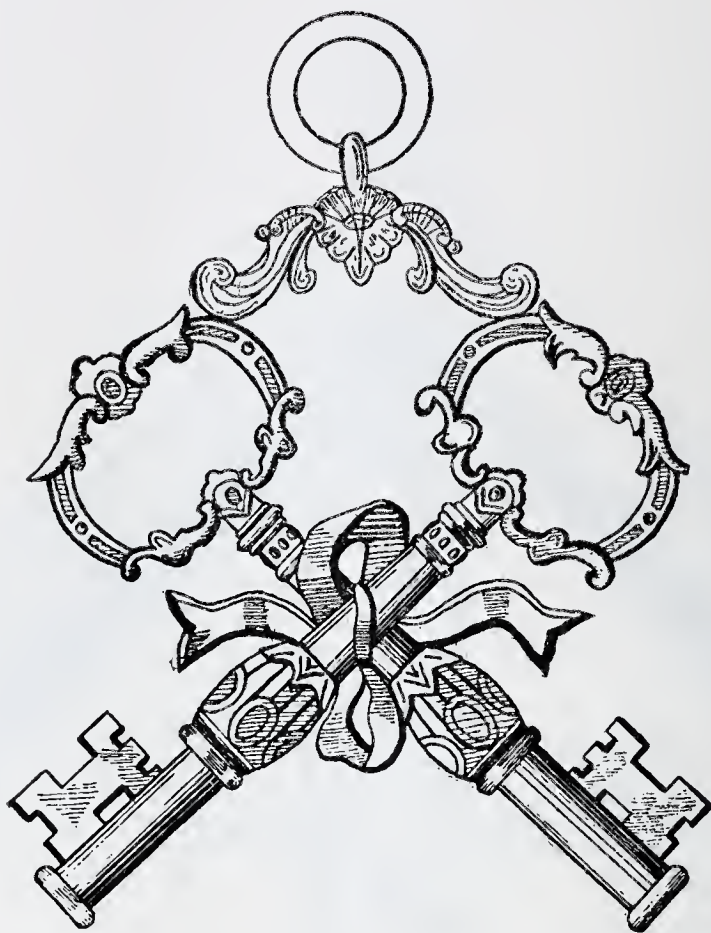
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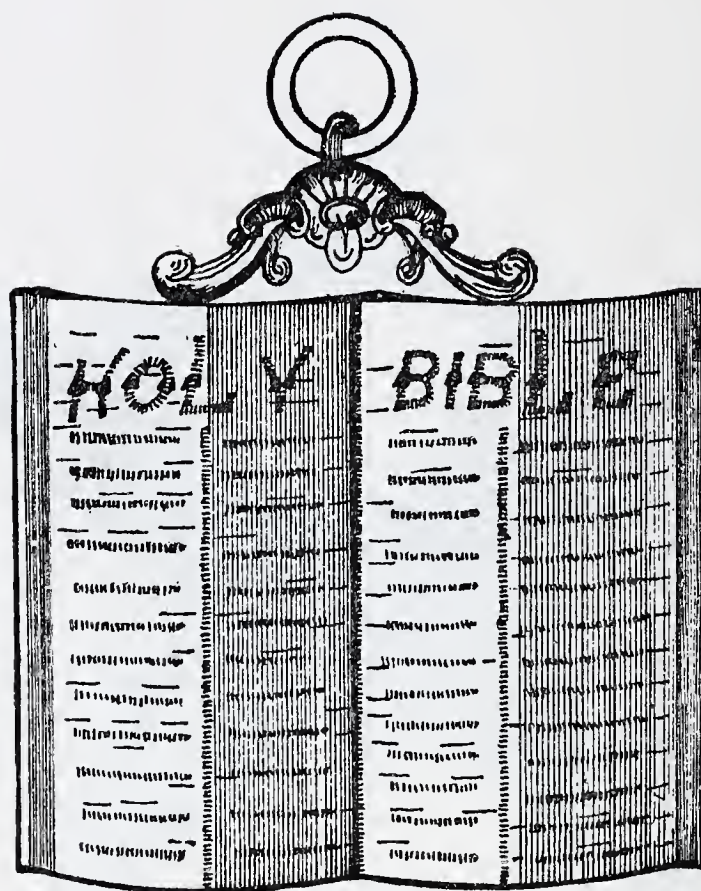
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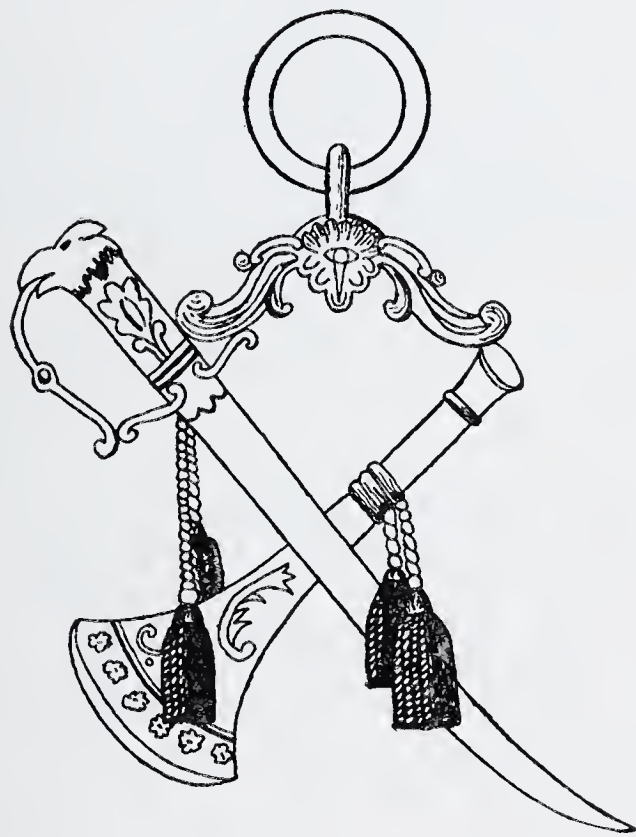
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